

Assistant Attorney General
Herbert J. Miller, Jr.

May 26, 1961

Director ~~FBI~~

FRANK FIORINI

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UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR
USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

(Article in)
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It was noted the magazine section "Parade" of
'The Washington Post' issue of May 14, 1961, contained an
article entitled, 'We Will Finish the Job,' by Frank Fiorini,
as told to Jack Anderson. Fiorini was described as an
American born Castro supporter who split with Castro and played
a prominent role in the April, 1961, landings in Cuba. In this
article it is stated "I intercepted a telegram to one Castro
agent, [redacted] who was registered at Miami Beach's
Surrey Hotel. The wire, obviously in code, was addressed to
'Lieutenant' [redacted] and was signed by [redacted]. I
remember [redacted] well from my service with Castro in the Sierra
Maestra. She was probably closer to Fidel than any other
person." This telegram was not further described in the article.

It has also been reported to the FBI that
Drew Pearson in his radio broadcast on April 1, 1961, made
the following statement:

Attention the FBI:

[redacted] (Phonetic) [redacted] registered
at the Surrey Hotel, Miami Beach, has received a very
interesting telegram from Havana. It's addressed to
Lieutenant [redacted] and is signed by [redacted]
[redacted] is the name of Fidel Castro's [redacted]
The message, in Spanish, appears to be in code.

1- Miami (via 0-7 for Info)

1- Mr. [redacted]

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Another source advised this Bureau of the interception of a Western Union Telefax message from Havana, Cuba, by an anti-Castro organization which appears to be identical with the above-referred to telegram. The original message as translated was as follows:

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"Lt. [redacted]
Curry Hotel
44th and Collins Ave
Miami, Florida

"Collected today 347.81 dollars to pay monthly
92.95 dollars Advise if received it.

"Affectionately
/s/ [redacted]

It has been determined that "Lt.," is a Western Union code for a letter-telegram. [redacted] has been interviewed concerning the contents of the telegram. This is furnished for your determination as to whether this interception of a telegram constitutes a violation of Federal law. No action will be taken by this Bureau in the absence of further instructions from the Department.

NOTE:

Bufiles 105-97815 and 2-1499 Sub A contain the Bureau inquiry on this matter under IS-CUBA character. The recipient of the Curry telegram states that the message refers only to his wife's mother's pension. Matter referred to Division Six by Division Five. It is being brought to the attention of the Department for consideration as to a possible UPUC violation. It would appear that Fiorini, or someone working with him, intercepted the telegram and it was then given some publicity in Anderson's article as well as on Pearson's broadcast, although the telegram was not quoted in verbatim in either instance. File reflects the caption used on the "Parade" section of "The Washington Post" is only the "Washington Post."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

202 United States Court House

El Paso, Texas

November 26, 1958

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RE: CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES

Extended by
Classified by SP3 / TEK / RH / CA 7/23/79
Exempt from GDS, Category 2 & 3
Date of Declassification Indefinite 1/23/89
DCA 11/25/80 EA.

(U) T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 24, 1958, that "El Fronterizo," a local Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, newspaper, dated November 22, 1958, contained an article that stated that seven Cubans and one North American were arrested in Apatzingan, Michoacan, Mexico, by Agents of the Secretariat of Government (Secretaria de Gobernacion) and by Agents of the Attorney General (Procuraduria General), both Agents of the Government of Mexico. This article stated that the eight foreigners landed a "C-46" airplane at Apatzingan and were under arrest for instigating a plan to carry arms via air from Mexico to the Cuban rebel leader, FIDEL CASTRO, via Venezuela. (X)

(U) T-1 advised that he had read a similar article in "Novedades de Mexico," a Mexico City newspaper dated November 21, 1958, and that this article had indicated that among the foreigners arrested in Apatzingan was one FRANK FIORINI. (X)

(U) Regarding the above articles, T-1 advised that on November 13, 1958, a "C-46" airplane bearing Number N 1849M landed at the Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, airport for a Mexican Customs inspection and to obtain gas. T-1 advised that this airplane was piloted by one [redacted] who had Commercial Airman Certificate Number C 332627. T-1 advised that instant airplane had as its passengers two Cubans, names unknown, and one FRANK FIORINI, who stated that he was the owner of instant airplane. T-1 advised that instant "C-46" was listed as a private airplane with flight originating in El Paso, Texas, and destination Vera Cruz, Mexico. T-1 advised that instant aircraft was searched by Mexican Customs upon landing at the Juarez airport and there was no cargo aboard the aircraft on this date, November 13, 1958. T-1 advised that FRANK FIORINI apparently had large sums of money in his possession and paid for 1,575 liters of gas for instant aircraft with two \$100.00 bills from a large roll of undetermined denominations. (X)

(U) On November 25, 1958, a perusal of the tourist permits issued by Mexican Immigration authorities on November 13, 1958, reflected the following information concerning individuals possibly identical with the occupants on the above-described "C-46": (X)

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Cuban Revolutionary Activities

Name	FRANK A. FIORINI
Tourist Permit Number	1657791
Age	33
Born	Norfolk, Virginia
Sex	Male
Occupation	Merchant
Nationality	American
Residence	422 Glenridge Miami, Florida
Destination	Mexico, D. F.
Via	Airplane

Name	PEDRO L. DIAZ
Tourist Permit Number	1657789
Age	32
Born	La Habana, Cuba
Sex	Male
Nationality	Cuban
Residence	422 Glenridge Miami, Florida
Destination	Mexico, D. F.
Via	Airplane

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This tourist permit also indicated that permit was issued on Visa Number dated October 27, 1958, at Laredo, Texas.

Name	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 100px;"></div>
Tourist Permit Number	
Age	
Born	
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Residence	

Destination	Mexico, D. F.
Via	Airplane

This individual's tourist permit indicated that he had Visa Number issued by the Mexican Immigration at Caracas, Venezuela, on July 2, 1958.

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The Declaration of Temporary Sojourn filed with the Collector of Customs, El Paso, Texas, on November 13, 1958, reflected that an aircraft identified as a Curtis "C-46" (N 1849M), bearing markings blue, gray, natural, did on or about November 13, 1958, depart from the United States at the Customs port of EL Paso International airport on a Temporary Sojourn abroad and would return to the United States on or about sixty days from November 13, 1958. This Temporary Sojourn was signed by FRANK FIORINI, 2160 Southwest 4th Street, Miami, Florida.

United States Immigration Border Patrol advised on November 26, 1958, that Aircraft Number N 1849 M was sold by Aerovias Sud Americano to FRANK FIORINI about November 7, 1958, for \$85,000.00. The sale negotiations were made by [redacted] and [redacted] of Sky Harbor Airport, Phoenix, Arizona. The payment for this aircraft was made by certified check drawn against the First National Bank, Phoenix, Arizona, and signed by FRANK FIORINI.

United States Immigration Border Patrol advised on November 26, 1958, that [redacted] holds Commercial Airman Certificate Number [redacted] and advised that his residence was [redacted] Arizona. Their records reflected that [redacted] ferried North American "F-51" from Sacramento, California, to Phoenix, Arizona, for [redacted] Florida, on January 22, 1958. The records also reflect that [redacted] was recently involved in ferrying surplus aircraft to foreign countries and was formerly accompanied by [redacted] as a pilot.
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

- UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (105-504)

SUBJECT: CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Date: 11/26/58

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ENCLOSURES: TO THE BUREAU

Six copies of a letterhead memorandum regarding the captioned subject matter and dated November 26, 1958, at El Paso.

TO ALBUQUERQUE, MIAMI, NEW YORK, PHOENIX, SAN ANTONIO
SAN DIEGO

Two copies each of above letterhead memorandum.

REFERENCE:

El Paso airtel to the Bureau dated October 20, 1958.

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- 2 - Miami (Encls. 2) (REG.)
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Copies of the enclosed letterhead memorandum are being sent to the foregoing offices in the event similar type operations of Cuban Nationals and/or foreigners come to their attention.

In addition, this memorandum identifies individuals formerly residing in Miami and Phoenix. Miami and Phoenix may have a future interest in these individuals or their associates.

The indices of the El Paso Office were negative concerning [redacted], FRANK A. FIORINI, PEDRO L. DIAZ and [redacted]

Copies of this memorandum have been furnished United States Customs, El Paso, and United States Immigration Border Patrol, El Paso.

[redacted] Air Intelligence Section, United States Immigration Border Patrol, El Paso, has advised that his agency is actively conducting investigation regarding the subject matter of enclosed memorandum.

In addition, [redacted] advised all pertinent information has been furnished to their representative, [redacted] Attache, American Embassy, Mexico, D. F., for appropriate action.

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[redacted] will advise El Paso upon receipt of any additional intelligence information regarding Cuban Revolutionary Activities.

No investigation is being conducted by El Paso and none requested of the other offices, UACB.

IDENTIFICATION OF INFORMANT:

(U) T-1 is [redacted] who orally furnished the information contained as: enclosed memorandum to SA LAWRENCE F. WIRICK, JR., on November 24, 1958. (C)

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CLASSIFICATION:

(U) The enclosed memorandum has been classified "~~Confidential~~" inasmuch as it contains information received from an informant operating in a foreign country. (C)

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAN ANTONIO
FROM MIAMIUNSUBS, REPORTED PLAN TO BLOW UP CUBANSHIP IN MEXICAN PORT,
POSSIBLY VERA CRUZ. IS DASH CUBA.

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A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED INSUFFICIENT
INFORMATION TO JUDGE HIS RELIABILITY, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS ON
APRIL TWELFTH: AN INDIVIDUAL, WHO MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH FRANK
FIORINI, STATED DURING WEEK PRIOR TO APRIL SEVENTH THAT HE AND
THREE OTHER PERSONS, WOULD DRIVE A FIFTY EIGHT BLACK CADILLAC
SEDAN, BEARING FLORIDA LICENSE PLATES, TO MEXICO BY WAY OF
BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF BLOWING UP A CUBAN
SHIP, POSSIBLY IN THE PORT OF VERA CRUZ.

THIS GROUP WAS SUPPOSED TO ENTER MEXICO ABOUT APRIL
TWELFTH, AND WOULD RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO MIAMI UPON COMPLETION
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OF THEIR MISSION.

THE SOURCE IDENTIFIED THE PRINCIPAL MEMBER OF THIS GROUP AS FRANK FERRINI OR FERRARI, WHO HAD BEEN EMPLOYED IN CUBA PRIOR TO CASTRO REGIME. FRANK FIORINI, BORN DECEMBER NINTH, TWENTYFOUR, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, ALSO KNOWN AS FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN VARIOUS ANTI-CASTRO ACTIVITIES AT MIAMI SINCE FIFTY NINE. HE IS DESCRIBED AS ABOUT FIVE FEET TEN, ONE NINETY FIVE POUNDS, WITH THICK BLACK HAIR.

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BUREAU REQUESTED TO FURNISH ABOVE INFORMATION TO LEGAT, MEXICO, FOR DISSEMINATION TO MEXICAN AUTHORITIES.

SAN ANTONIO, AT MATAMOROS, MEXICO, CHECK MEXICAN CUSTOMS FOR INFORMATION RE ENTRANCE OF DESCRIBED GROUP INTO MEXICO.

MIAMI WILL CONDUCT INQUIRY TO DETERMINE IF FIORINI IS PRESENTLY ABSENT FROM MIAMI AND EXHIBIT PHOTO TO SOURCE. IF FIORINI IDENTIFIED BY SOURCE MIAMI WILL SEND PHOTOS DIRECT TO LEGAT, UACB.

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URGENT 4-13-67

TO DIRECTOR AND SAC SAN ANTONIO

FROM SAC MIAMI

UNSUBS, REPORTED PLANS TO BLOW UP CUBAN SHIP IN MEXICAN PORT, POSSIBLY
VERA CRUZ. IS - CUBA.

RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND SAN ANTONIO APRIL 12.

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ON APRIL 13, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE IDENTIFIED PHOTO
OF FRANK FIORINI, FBI NO. 48362C, AS INDIVIDUAL WHO TOLD HIM OF
CAPTIONED PLAN. SOURCE STATES FIORINI-S 1958 BLACK CADILLAC SEDAN
IS (AN OUTFIT CAR), MEANING A HOODLUM CAR WITH POSSIBLE HIDDEN
COMPARTMENTS.

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ON INSTANT DATE, FIORINI-S WIFE WAS CONTACTED AT MIAMI UNDER
PRETEXT. SHE STATED HER HUSBAND IS NOT IN MIAMI AND SHE DID NOT
KNOW WHEN HE WOULD RETURN. SHE CLAIMED HE IS IN NEW YORK.

MIAMI IS SENDING COPIES OF FIORINI-S PHOTO DIRECT TO

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AND TO BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS RESIDENT AGENCY.

BUREAU ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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URGENT 4-13-67

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 192

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: REPORTED PLANS TO BLOW UP CUBAN SHIP AT
MEXICAN PORT, POSSIBLY VERACRUZ. INTERNAL SECURITY-CUBA.

REFERENCE BUREAU CABLE APRIL 12, LAST.

ON APRIL 13, INSTANT, INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ALLEGED
PLOT, POSSIBLY INVOLVING FRANK FIORINI, WAS FURNISHED TO

[REDACTED] UNDER SECRETARY OF INTERIOR (GOVERNMENT)
AT MEXICO CITY. [REDACTED]

ON APRIL 13, INSTANT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE HAD ALREADY BEEN ORDERED [REDACTED] TO

[REDACTED] WAS CONTACTED AND STATED THAT

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(C) INITIATE IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION [REDACTED]

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ON APRIL 13, INSTANT, THE AMERICAN CONSULATE, [REDACTED] WAS ADVISED OF THE ALLEGED PLOT. VICE CONSUL REPORTED THAT NO CUBAN SHIP OR VESSEL OF ANY TYPE HAS BEEN IN THE PORTS OF VERACRUZ OR COATZACOALCOS, VERACRUZ, FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR. RUSSIAN AND EAST GERMAN SHIPS CALLING AT VERACRUZ USUALLY STOP AT HAVANA, CUBA, OUTBOUND FROM VERACRUZ. THE EAST GERMAN SHIP THEODOR KOERNER IS DUE IN VERACRUZ ON APRIL 13, INSTANT AND A SOVIET VESSEL IS ALSO EXPECTED.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

[REDACTED] ALSO ADVISED. AMERICAN CONSULATE, VERACRUZ WILL

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☐ AIRGRAM ☒ CABLEGRAM ☐ RADIO ☐ TELETYPE

PAGE THREE FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 192

ADVISE THIS OFFICE ANY DEVELOPMENTS. SUGGEST SAN ANTONIO BE
ALERTED TO MEXICAN INVESTIGATION IN BORDER AREA. BUREAU WILL
BE KEPT ADVISED ALL DEVELOPMENTS. CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL TO
PROTECT ORIGINAL SOURCE.

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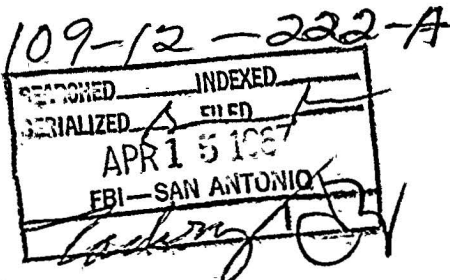
☒ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

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4/18/67

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (109-480)
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (109-12)(P)
RE: UNSUBS; REPORTED PLANS TO
BLOW UP CUBAN SHIP IN MEXICAN
PORT, POSSIBLY VERA CRUZ
IS - CUBA

Re Miami teletypes to the Director and San Antonio
dated 4/12/67 and 4/13/67.

AT MATAMOROS, TAMAULIPAS, MEXICO

With the help of [REDACTED],
their records were checked on 4/13/67 from 4/5/67 until that
date and no record was found of the 1958 black Cadillac with
Florida license plates.

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On 4/17/67, SA CLAY ZACHRY, JR., discussed this
case with General [REDACTED].
General [REDACTED] is pro-American, has a high regard for the
FBI, and is a personal friend of SA ZACHRY. He was given a
description of the Cadillac and a picture of FRANK FIORINI
and told that we had information on a highly confidential
basis that FIORINI, et al, might enter Mexico at Matamoros
for the purpose of committing sabotage on a Cuban ship in
a Mexican port.

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The entry records were checked as of 4/17/67, with no record found of the entry into Mexico of the 1958 Cadillac.

General [] gave orders that he is personally interested in this case and gave orders to report to him personally night or day if this 1958 Cadillac with Florida license plates appears. He said that he would "take the Cadillac apart" looking for secret compartments and might detain the occupants pending an investigation. He advised that the only "probable cause" needed by him is his own pleasure in the matter. General [] was advised that the FBI was not making any request that the car and occupants be detained and that it was a Mexican matter within the General's jurisdiction and that we had no suggestions to make as to how he should handle such problems.

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Director
+ ~~SB~~ SAC SAN ANTONIO *JP*FROM ~~DIRECTOR~~ *Boston*

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, REPORTED PLANS TO BLOW UP CUBAN SHIP AT MEXICAN
PORT, POSSIBLY VERA CRUZ(IS - CUBA) , NM - CUBA.

REBUTEL APRIL 20 INSTANT. RECORDS, BUREAU MOTOR VEHICLES,
BOSTON, DISCLOSE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] PERSONAL FRIEND OF BOSTON SA
(CONCEAL IDENTITY), ADVISED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] RECENTLY [REDACTED] GOVERNOR VOLPE

[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] FLEW TO MEXICO FROM NORWOOD , MASS. AIRPORT.

FIORINI KNOWN TO [REDACTED] FOR TWELVE-FIFTEEN YEARS. IT APPEARS ABOVE [REDACTED]
NOT IDENTICAL TO FRANK FIORINI, AKA FRANK ANTHONY SURGUS

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TO SAN ANTONIO AND BOSTON

FROM DIRECTOR

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, REPORTED PLANS TO BLOW UP CUBAN SHIP AT
MEXICAN PORT, POSSIBLY VERACRUZ, IS - CUBA, NM - CUBA.

REMMTEL APRIL 12, LAST.

ON APRIL 19, LAST, LEGAT, MEXICO, LEARNED ONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE [REDACTED] ENTERED

MEXICO AT REYNOSA, TAMAULIPAS, ON APRIL 13, LAST. [REDACTED]

TRAVELLING IN CESSNA PLANE MODEL 385-CP AND WERE ACCOMPANIED
BY SEVERAL OTHER LIGHT PLANES IN GROUP KNOWN AS TENTH ANNUAL
AIR CRUISE TO MEXICO. THEY SPENT FIRST NIGHT AT SAN LUIS
POTOSI, MEXICO, AND ARE NOW AT MANZANILLO, COLIMA. [REDACTED]

GAVE HIS ADDRESS ON ENTERING MEXICO AS [REDACTED]

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SAN ANTONIO OBTAIN DETAILS ENTRY OF [REDACTED] AT MC ALLEN,
TEXAS. BOSTON DETERMINE IF THERE IS AN [REDACTED] AT
[REDACTED]. BOTH OFFICES SUTEL.

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FOR INFORMATION OF BOSTON INDIVIDUAL POSSIBLY IDENTICAL
WITH FRANK FIORINI, A ~~XXXX~~ PILOT, REPORTEDLY INDICATED HE AND
OTHERS WOULD DRIVE TO MEXICO VIA BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, TO BLOW
UP CUBAN SHIP, POSSIBLY AT VERA CRUZ. GROUP WAS SUPPOSED TO
ENTER MEXICO ABOUT APRIL 12, LAST. FRANK FIORINI IS ALSO KNOWN
AS FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, BORN DECEMBER 9, 1924, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA,
AND HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN VARIOUS ANTI-CASTRO ACTIVITIES SINCE
1959. MIAMI ORIGIN. MIAMI AND MEXICO ADVISED BY MAIL.
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721 PM 4/20/67 URGENT LAL
TO DIRECTOR AND MIAMI (105-12890)
FROM SAN ANTONIO (109-12)

UNSUBS; REPORTED PLANS TO BLOW UP CUBAN SHIP IN MEXICAN PORT,
POSSIBLY VERA CRUZ. IS - CUBA.

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RETELS MIAMI TO DIRECTOR AND SA FOUR TWELVE AND FOUR THIRTEEN
SIXTYSEVEN. RECAB LEGAT, MEXICO, DATED FOUR THIRTEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, NE FRANK ANGELO FIORINI, DRIVING
WHITE NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT CADILLAC, FLORIDA LICENSE IWW ONE NINE
EIGHT TWO NINE, AND ACCOMPANIED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED], ALL OF MIAMI, ENTERED THE UNITED
STATES AT BROWNSVILLE FROM MEXICO AT ABOUT EIGHT FIFTEEN PM FOUR
SEVENTEEN SIXTYSEVEN. U. S. CUSTOMS SEARCH NEGATIVE. [REDACTED]

DETAINED BY BROWNSVILLE PD FOR HAVING FALSE IDENTIFICATION PAPERS.

[REDACTED] AND STURGIS LEFT, SUPPOSEDLY FOR MIAMI. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT
THEY ENTERED MEXICO AT REYNOSA ON FOUR TWELVE AND WENT TO EL MANTE,
TAMPS., AND STAYED AT MANTE HOTEL, MAKING ONE SHORT SIDE TRIP TO
TAMPICO. [REDACTED] SAID THAT PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS TO GET DRUNK AND RAISE
HELL, MEXICAN CUSTOMS AT MATAMOROS ADVISED AND LEGAT, MEXICO,
ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAN ANTONIO (109-12)

UNSUBS; REPORTED PLANS TO BLOW UP CUBAN SHIP AT MEXICAN
PORT, POSSIBLY AT VERA CRUZ. IS - CUBA.

REBUTEL TO SAN ANTONIO AND BOSTON APRIL TWENTY LAST.

ON APRIL TWENTYONE INSTANT, [REDACTED] CONTROL
TOWER, MCALLEN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, ADVISED GROUP OF THIRTY-
THREE PLANES DEPARTED MC ALLEN, TEXAS, APRIL THIRTEEN LAST
ON AIR TOUR OF MEXICO. TO RETURN APRIL TWENTYFOUR NEXT.
GROUP SPONSORED BY HARRY COLLINS AIR CRUISE, MIAMI, FLORIDA.

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[REDACTED] AND WIFE [REDACTED] AMONG GROUP AND
FLYING CESSNA THREE ONE ZERO, TWIN ENGINE, GREEN AND WHITE
AIRCRAFT, SERIAL NUMBER N THREE EIGHT FIVE GP. [REDACTED]
ADDRESS [REDACTED]

MIAMI AND BOSTON ADVISED BY MAIL.

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URGENT 4-19-67

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 207

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; REPORTED PLANS TO BLOW UP CUBAN SHIP AT MEXICAN
PORT, POSSIBLY VERACRUZ. IS - CUBA.

ON APRIL 19 INSTANT A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD ADVISED
IT HAD BEEN DETERMINED THAT ONE [REDACTED], ACCOMPANIED
BY HIS WIFE, [REDACTED] ENTERED MEXICO AT REYNOSA,
TAMAULIPAS, ON APRIL 13 LAST. THEY WERE TRAVELING IN A CESSNA
AIRPLANE, MODEL 385-CP AND WERE ACCOMPANIED BY SEVERAL OTHER
LIGHT PLANES IN A GROUP KNOWN AS THE TENTH ANNUAL AIR CRUISE
TO MEXICO. THEY SPENT THE FIRST NIGHT AT SAN LUIS POTOSI,
MEXICO AND ARE CURRENTLY AT MANZANILLO, COLIMA.

[REDACTED] GAVE HIS ADDRESS UPON ENTERING MEXICO AS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, A CUBAN SHIP ARRIVED AT THE PORT OF VERACRUZ ON APRIL 19 INSTANT AND IS CURRENTLY UNDER HEAVY SURVEILLANCE BY MEXICAN SECURITY AUTHORITIES.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE MEX CAB APRIL 13 LAST.

SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE STATED THAT THIS OFFICE WOULD BE KEPT ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS. PHOTOGRAPHS OF FRANK FIORINI RECEIVED FROM MIAMI HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO [REDACTED] FOR INVESTIGATION OF [REDACTED] TO DETERMINE IF THEY MAY BE IDENTICAL.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO HAVE SAN ANTONIO INVESTIGATE ENTRY OF [REDACTED] AT MC ALLEN, TEXAS. BOSTON SHOULD ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS AN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] IT IS NOTED SUSPECT FRANK FIORINI IS A PILOT.

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-12690)
SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
REPORTED PLANS TO
BLOW UP CUBAN SHIP
IN MEXICAN PORT,
POSSIBLY VERA CRUZ
IS - CUBA

Re Miami teletype to Bureau and San Antonio
4/12/67.

Extra copy is furnished Bureau for transmittal
to Legat, Mexico.

On 4/18/67, [REDACTED] US Customs,
Miami, advised that on that same date the Customs
Office at Brownsville, Texas, advised his Miami office
that on the night of 4/17/67, three Americans entered
Brownsville from Mexico in a 1958 white Cadillac, four
door hardtop, bearing 1966 Florida License LW-19829.
These three were identified as FRANK ANGELO PIGRINI,
whose name had been legally changed to FRANK ANTHONY
STURGIS, resident at 2515 Northwest 122nd Street, Miami,

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Florida, claiming to be self-employed in the Hampton Roads Salvage Company. FIORINI had stated his birthdate as 12/9/24, Norfolk, Virginia.

The second individual was [redacted] who claimed to be [redacted] FIORINI by the latter's [redacted] and to be employed as a [redacted] place not indicated. [redacted] description was listed as born [redacted] pounds, brown hair, brown eyes. He claimed to have been sightseeing in Mexico.

The third individual was [redacted] who was using identification in the name of [redacted]. He claimed to have been employed as short order cook at the [redacted]. He claimed he was a resident at the [redacted]. He was described as born [redacted] at [redacted] Massachusetts, [redacted] pounds, blue eyes, brown hair. He was held temporarily at Brownsville for investigation based on his false identification.

Mr. [redacted] advised that his Brownsville office advised that this trio claimed to be in Mexico six days having crossed into Mexico at Reynosa. A search of the car yielded no evidence of contraband or illegal activities.

Miami indices contain reference to [redacted] wherein Mr. [redacted] of Eastern Air Lines [redacted] Miami, on 2/15/66 advised that [redacted] had passed bad checks to Eastern Air Lines.

A check with the office of Dade Auto Tags on 4/19/67 revealed that 1966 Florida License 1W-19329 is registered on a 1958 Cadillac, four door, to FRANK STURGIS, 2515 Northwest 122nd Street, Miami.

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AT BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

Ascertain details of Customs interrogation of
FIORINI, [] and []

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Miami will attempt to determine the purpose of
Mexico trip by these individuals.

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TO MIAMI AND SAN ANTONIO

109-12-220

FROM DIRECTOR

UNSUBS, REPORTED PLANS TO BLOW UP CUBAN SHIP IN
MEXICAN PORT, POSSIBLY VERA CRUZ. IS DASH CUBA, NM DASH CUBA.

RE SATEL APRIL TWO ZERO LAST.

LEGAT, MEXICO CITY, ADVISED APRIL TWO ZERO, MEXICAN
AUTHORITIES INTERESTED IN DETAILS TRAVEL OF FIORINI AND COMPANIONS
IN MEXICO FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION. SA FURNISH IDENTIFYING
DATA RE FIORINI, [] AND [] DESCRIPTION OF CAR
UTILIZED AND ANY OTHER PERTINENT DATA FOR RELAY TO MEXICAN
AUTHORITIES. LEGAT ADVISED CUBAN VESSEL NOW AT VERA CRUZ
FIRST SHIP THERE SINCE ONE NINE SIX ONE. LEGAT UNABLE TO BELIEVE
FIORINI MADE FIVE HYPHEN DAY VISIT TO MEXICO CITY FOR NO OTHER
PURPOSE THAN RECREATION, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF UNEXPECTED
ARRIVAL OF FIRST CUBAN SHIP THERE IN YEARS. LEGAT RECOMMENDED
INTERVIEW FIORINI.

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MIAMIALOCATE AND INTERVIEW FIORINI, [] AND []
CONCERNING THEIR ACTIVITIES IN MEXICO CITY. INFORMATION IS
PARTICULARLY DESIRED CONCERNING PERSONS CONTACTED IN MEXICO
CITY AND REASON FOR TRIP.

BOTH OFFICES SUTEL AND FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY

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ATTACHING MEMORANDUM FOR DISSEMINATION INCORPORATING ALL
PERTINENT DATA DEVELOPED BY RESPECTIVE OFFICES TO DATE.

MEXICO CITY ADVISED BY MAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAN ANTONIO (109-12) 1P

UNSUBS; REPORTED PLANS TO BLOW UP CUBAN SHIP AT MEXICAN
PORT, POSSIBLY AT VERA CRUZ. IS - CUBA.

REBUTEL TO SAN ANTONIO AND MIAMI TODAY.

RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH [] AT BROWNSVILLE SET OUT
IN SAN ANTONIO TEL APRIL TWENTY LAST. ASSISTANT LEGAT FOARD,
MEXICO CITY, ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY.

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ACCORDING TO [] THEY WENT ONLY TO MANTE, STAYING AT
HOTEL MANTE, WITH SHORT SIDE TRIP TO TAMPICO. DID NOT GO TO
MEXICO CITY OR VERA CRUZ.

LHM FOLLOWS CONTAINING INFORMATION ALREADY SUBMITTED.

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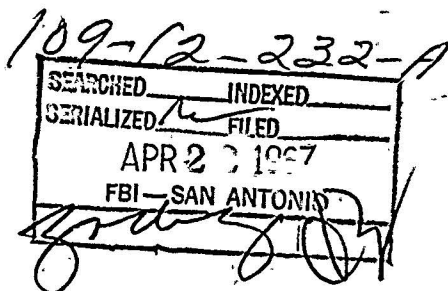
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URGENT 4-20-67

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 211

UNSUBS, REPORTED PLANS TO BLOW UP CUBAN SHIP IN MEXICAN PORT,
POSSIBLY VERACRUZ. IS - CUBA.

RE MEX CABLE APRIL 19 LAST AND SAN ANTONIO TELEPHONE CALL
TO MEXICO CITY APRIL 20 INSTANT.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WAS FURNISHED INFO REGARDING RE - ENTRY
INTO UNITED STATES OF FRANK FIORINI, [REDACTED] AND
[REDACTED] AT BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, APRIL 17 LAST AND DETENTION
OF [REDACTED] AT BROWNSVILLE. [REDACTED] INTERESTED IN OBTAINING
DETAILS THEIR TRAVELS IN MEXICO FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

(C) CUBAN SHIP NOW AT VERACRUZ SAID TO BE FIRST SUCH SHIP
SINCE 1961. [REDACTED] SPECULATES SHIP MAY
CALL AT TAMPICO, TAMAULIPAS, AFTER DEPARTING VERACRUZ AS THIS
WOULD FOLLOW NORMAL COMMERCIAL SHIPPING PATTERN.

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MEXICO CITY UNABLE TO BELIEVE FIORINI MADE FIVE DAY VISIT TO MEXICO FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE THAN RECREATION, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF UNEXPECTED ARRIVAL OF FIRST CUBAN SHIP IN YEARS.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO HAVE MIAMI THOROUGHLY INTERVIEW FIORINI ABOUT ACTIVITIES WHILE IN MEXICO. INFORMATION DESIRED CONCERNING PERSONS CONTACTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES.

IT IS REQUESTED SAN ANTONIO FURNISH IDENTIFYING DATA REGARDING FIORINI, [] AND [] AND DESCRIPTION OF AUTOMOBILE OCCUPIED BY THEM FOR RELAY TO MEXICAN AUTHORITIES.

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Date: 4/21/67

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (109-480)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-12890) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; Alleged Plans to Blow Up
Cuban Ship in Mexican Port,
Possibly Vera Cruz
IS - CUBA

OO: Miami

Re Miami airtel to Bureau and San Antonio, 4/20/67.

On 4/21/67, [] born []
[], telephoned the Miami Office with offer to
furnish information in captioned matter in exchange for money.
Signed statement obtained and information is as follows:

FRANK FIORINI, aka Frank Sturgis, planned bombing of
ship with ORLANDO BOSCH, leader of anti-CASTRO organization,
MIRR (Insurrectional Revolutionary Recovery Movement), Bufile
98-4474.

On 4/6/67, [] observed two bombs and two
magnets wrapped in tire tubing placed inside panels of rear
doors of FIORINI's 1958 Cadillac, four door, white, with 1966

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Special Agent in Charge

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Florida license 19829, by two associates of BOSCH at Cuban garage in Miami. Also four C4 detonators were hidden in plastic bag under dashboard.

On night of 4/8/67, FIORINI, [] and Unsub identifiable as [] left Miami enroute to Mexico.

They entered Mexico at Reynosa at Noon, 4/11/67, and checked into Mante Hotel in Ciudad Mante on night of 4/11/67.

On 4/12/67, they toured Tampico. On 4/13/67, they lounged at Mante Hotel. On 4/14/67, they drove to Tampico, ate in restaurant-hotel on Tampico Beach, where they rented boat through a waitress. Boat owner named [] and a helper took three subjects up river to dock area where FIORINI observed British freighter "The London" which he selected as target. [] refused to help and returned to Mante Hotel by bus on night of 4/14/67.)

On 4/15/67, FIORINI called [] from Tampico to advise regulator trouble with car would delay return to Mante until 4/16/67.

About 3:00 A.M., 4/16/67, FIORINI and [] arrived at Mante Hotel and FIORINI said he could not place bombs on ship because the Cadillac is too risky for successful getaway.

On 4/17/67, they stayed at Mante Hotel. During their stay at the hotel, FIORINI called Miami and received \$200 by wire from ORLANDO BOSCH. [] made telephone call from Mante Hotel to girl friend in Radford, Va.

On morning of 4/17/67, subjects left Ciudad Mante enroute to Texas. About one-half way between Mante and Ciudad Victoria, believed to be between kilometers 643 and 644, they parked car at a lookout point with view of large valley on one side and hillside with trees on the other. On this hillside among the trees about 50 yards from the road they dug five shallow holes and placed a bomb or a magnet and the four detonators together in each of the holes. [] took

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photos of the area, which are being enclosed to Bureau for transmittal to Legat Mexico City.

Subjects then proceeded to Brownsville, Texas, arriving about 10:00 P.M., 4/17/67. Their car was thoroughly searched and [] was arrested because he had false identification.

[] is angry with FIORINI for having used [] Texaco Credit Card for over \$300 in charges on this trip with no effort to reimburse [] is the [] FIORINI, but was [] [] is willing to testify to the foregoing, however, he intends to depart Miami on 4/21/67, in order to avoid confrontation with FIORINI. He furnished [] address of girl friend, [] College, as person who would know his whereabouts. [] stated FIORINI had taken moving pictures of the British Freighter "The London" and he believed these were taken on Sears Roebuck Movie film, and sent to New York for processing. Sears processing is handled through Post Office Box 546, Rochester, New York.

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The Bureau is requested, through Legat Mexico City, to attempt to locate the bombs, magnets and detonators utilizing enclosed photographs. Will also attempt to develop details of subjects activities at Mante Hotel and in rental of boat at Tampico.

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At Rochester, New York:

Will attempt to obtain prints of some frames of movie film submitted by FRANK FIORINI or FRANK STURGIS, who has return address of 2515 N. W. 122nd Street, Miami, Fla.

Miami will conduct further investigation to develop evidence in this case.

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Date 4/22/67
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To: _____

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Att.: _____

~~XX~~ SAC BUFFALO

Title UNSUBS; Alleged Plans to
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Re: MIAMI AIRTEL TO DIR. 4/21/

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- ☐ Assign _____ Reassign _____
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- ☐ Correct
- ☐ Deadline _____
- ☐ Deadline passed
- ☐ Delinquent
- ☐ Discontinue
- ☐ Expedite
- ☐ File
- ☐ For information
- ☐ Handle
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- ☐ Leads need attention
- ☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

- ☐ Open Case 109-12-234
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- ☐ Prepare serials
- ☐ Return assignment card
- ☐ Return file SAN ANTONIO
- ☐ Return serials
- ☐ Search and return
- ☐ See me
- ☐ Send Serials _____
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Enclosed for Buffalo are two copies of ref.
airtel. Lead for Albany to handle at Rochester
should be handled by Buffalo as Rochester is
within Buffalo Division.

CC: Bureau
San Antonio
MIAMI

SAC VERNON H. BAILEY

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4-25-67

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AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY
REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (109-480)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-12890) (P)
SUBJECT: CHANGED

~~FRANK ANGELO FIORINI, aka~~
~~Frank Anthony Sturgis;~~

[REDACTED] aka

~~Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA;~~

[REDACTED] aka

REPORTED PLANS TO BLOW UP CUBAN
SHIP IN MEXICAN PORT, POSSIBLY
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Title marked changed to reflect the identities of subjects as made by subject [REDACTED] as referred to in Miami airtel to Director, dated 4-21-67. The title was previously carried as "UNSUBS; REPORTED PLANS TO BLOW UP CUBAN SHIP IN MEXICAN PORT, POSSIBLY VERA CRUZ, IS - CUBA; NM - CUBA".

ReButel to Miami, 4-24-67, instructing Miami to determine if U.S. Customs is conducting investigation in captioned matter.

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2-San Antonio (109-12) (Enc. 1) (RM)
2-Miami

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On 4-24-67, [redacted] Agent, Miami, who has been handling current prosecutive cases on Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH and the Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion Revolucionaria (MIRR) was advised of the facts developed thus far in captioned matter. He stated his main concern was that Mexican authorities be advised of the reported location of the bombs. He was told this was being done through Legat, Mexico. He advised that inasmuch as the explosive is located in Mexican jurisdiction and the search of subjects' car by Customs at Brownsville, Texas, on their return from Mexico produced no evidence, he would not conduct active investigation at present but expressed the hope the Miami Office would pursue the investigation. He stated he has contact with [redacted] an associate of FIORINI at Miami and will attempt to elicit information from [redacted] concerning the captioned mission.

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Relative to the identities of captioned subjects, the following is noted:

FRANK FIORINI, born 12-9-24, at Norfolk, Virginia, is subject of Bufile 2-192.

[redacted] born [redacted] at [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] born [redacted] in [redacted]
[redacted] FBI #879 023A.

Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA, Cuban exile leader of MIRR (Bufile 97-4474).

[redacted] aka [redacted] born [redacted] in Cuba; subject of Bufile 105-121159 (MM 105-7736). [redacted] accompanied BOSCH in meetings with FIORINI; he was also reported present when bombs were placed in car of FIORINI at Miami on 4-6-67.

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[redacted] born [redacted] in
Cuba, Alien Registration [redacted]
He operates [redacted] at 10
S. W. 5th Avenue, Miami, and reportedly
placed the bombs in FIORINI's car.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of photo of
subject [redacted] for transmittal to Legat, Mexico.

A photo of [redacted] is also being enclosed for
San Antonio.

Miami will interview subjects as instructed
in Butel to Miami and San Antonio, dated 4-21-67.
Miami further believes such interviews will serve to
eliminate some of subjects from future use in plans
of BOSCH.

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airtel

To: . Legat, Mexico City

From: Director, FBI

UNSUBS; Reported Plans to Blow Up
Cuban Ship in Mexican Port,
Possibly Veracruz

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NI - CUBA

Attached are two copies of Miami airtel 4/21/67,
with enclosures.

Promptly handle lead set forth on page three of
enclosed airtel, through your sources.

Keep Bureau currently advised of all pertinent
developments.

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1 - Buffalo

1 - San Antonio

1 - Albany

1 - Miami (105-12690)

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~~TO~~ PD - BROWNSVILLE TEXAS 512-542-9195

FROM DADE SHERIFFS OFFICE
[REDACTED] - DIRECTOR
DADE COUNTY - MIAMI - FLA 305-696-5380

BY LT. [REDACTED] - SHIFT COMMANDER - DET. BUREAU

REF YOUR THX ON 4-17-67

1966 FLA IWW-19829 ISSUED TO F. STURGIS 2515 NW 122 ST MIAMI FLA
1958 CAD SDN ID NBR 58K046940 - NO WANTS HERE....

REF - [REDACTED]
WE HAVE CONTACTED HIM AND ASCERTAINED THAT HIS WALLET WAS STOLEN
ON 30 MARCH 67 - HE DID NOT REPORT IT - AS HE WAS NOT SURE IF IT
HAD BEEN STOLEN OR IF HE HAD MIS-PLACED IT....HIS DRIVERS LIC
-AND OTHER ID ETC WERE IN IT AT THE TIME...
SO SUBJ YOU HAVE - WHOEVER HE IS - IS NOT [REDACTED]

OTHER SUBJECTS - FIORINI AKA STURGIS AND [REDACTED] - SHOW NO
PAST OR WANTS

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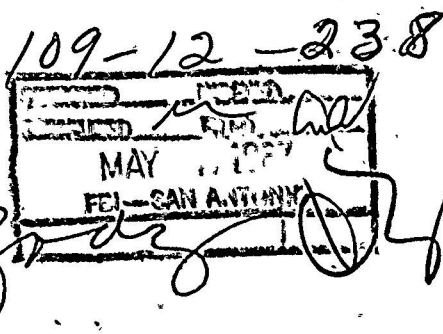
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THIS IS THE BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, POLICE DEPARTMENT 512-542-9195

THIS DEPARTMENT IS HOLDING THREE MEN WHO RECENTLY CROSSED BORDER FROM MEXICO. SUBJECT NBR ONE IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS [REDACTED] FROM [REDACTED] HE PRODUCED A FLA DRIVERS LICE BEARING NBR [REDACTED] DRIVERS LICENSE, OPERATORS, IXX DESCRIBES [REDACTED] AS BEING A WM, BORN [REDACTED] HEIGHT [REDACTED] WEIGHT [REDACTED] POUNDS WITH BROWN HAIR AND BROWN EYES. CORRECTION ON LAST NAME, SHUD READ [REDACTED] INSTEAD OF [REDACTED] DRIVERS LICENSE LIST OCCUPATION OF [REDACTED] AS A [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE AND STUDENT. SUBJECT WHO PRESENTED THIS DL APPEARS MUCH OLDER THAN 31, HE HAS [REDACTED] EYES INSTEAD OF [REDACTED] AND WEIGHS ABOUT [REDACTED] POUNDS. WHEN ASKED ABOUT HIS JOB GAVE ANSWERS WHICH DO NOT APPEAR TO BE RIGHT ONES FOR SOMEONE WHO WORKS IN [REDACTED] SUBJECT NBR [REDACTED] WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ONE FRANK ANGELO FIORINI, WHO CLAIMS THAT HE HAD HIS NAME CHANGED LEGALLY TO FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS OF 2515 NW 122ND STREET IN MIAMI. HE IS A WM [REDACTED] 42, DOB 12-9-24, 5-10, WEIGHS 205 LBS. DRIVING A WHITE 1958 CADILLAC 4-DR HARTOP WITH 66 FLA 1WV-19829. SUBJ NBR THREE IS [REDACTED] GIVES ADDRESS AS [REDACTED] HE IS A WM, DOB [REDACTED] POUNDS. REQUEST U CHECK FOR ANY RECORD ON WANTED ON THESE THREE SUBJECTS, ALSO THAT U CHECK WITH [REDACTED] AT ADDRESS GIVEN TO SEE IF PERSONAL BELONGINGS STOLEN. ALSO REQUEST THAT YOU CALL US BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HOLD SUBJECTS VERY LONG GA

RECD 4-17-67 11-35 PM OPER GREENE
WILL TRY AND ASCERTAIN INFO FOR YOU AND CALL BY VIA TWX END OR GA
OK MUCHO TNX WILL BE WAITING FOR UR CALL END

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Date: 4/28/67

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR (109-480) AND
SAC, MIAMI (105-12890)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (109-33)

UNSUBS; ALLEGED PLANS TO BLOW UP CUBAN SHIP IN MEXICO PORT,
POSSIBLY VERA CRUZ, IS - CUBA, OO MIAMI.

RE MIAMI AIRTEL, APRIL TWENTY ONE LAST.

MOVIE FILM MENTIONED INSTANT AIRTEL LOCATED IN PROCESSING
DYNACOLOR CORPORATION, BROCKPORT, NEW YORK, UNDER NAME FRANK
STURGIS. FILM IS FIFTY FEET, EIGHT MM., RUNNING TIME APPROXIMATELY
TWO AND ONE HALF MINUTES. NO LOCAL FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR
PRINTING WITHOUT LENGTHY DELAY IN HANDLING.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE EASTMAN-KODAK, ROCHESTER, TO COPY
FILM AND PRINTS MAY THEREAFTER BE PREPARED.

UAC BY MAY ONE NEXT, ORIGINAL FILM WILL BE RETURNED TO
DYNACOLOR CORPORATION THAT DATE AND THEREAFTER MAILED TO STURGIS
AT MIAMI ADDRESS. FILM VIEWED AND DOES NOT CONTAIN SCENES OF
ANY SHIPS. FILM DEPICTS TWO MALE INDIVIDUALS AND ROAD-SIDE
SCENE SIMILAR TO THAT DESCRIBED REAIRTEL. CONTAINS NUMEROUS
CLOSE-UPS DEPICTING SMALL CRUDELY CONSTRUCTED WHITE CROSS AT
FOOT OF ROAD-SIDE EMBANKMENT WHICH MAY INDICATE LOCATION WHERE
ITEMS BURIED. SINCE ADDITIONAL FILM AS DESCRIBED BY MIAMI MAY

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(1)Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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EXIST, STOP CURRENTLY MAINTAINED DYNACOLOR CORPORATION.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO FOLLOW BY AIRTEL. Am copy to SA.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Antonio, Texas

May 3, 1967

REPORTED PLAN TO BLOW UP
CUBAN SHIP AT MEXICAN PORT
POSSIBLY AT VERA CRUZ

The following information was furnished the
Federal Bureau of Investigation in Brownsville, Texas,
by Customs Agent [redacted]

On April 17, 1967, at about 8:15 p.m., a white
1958 Cadillac four-door hard-top, bearing 1966 Florida
license 1WW-19829, arrived from Mexico at the B & M
International Bridge in Brownsville, Texas. The vehicle
was occupied by three males, who declared three quarts
of liquor, three pots, and a pair of earrings to Customs
Inspector [redacted]. Although the lookout called
for a black Cadillac, Inspector [redacted] noticed that the
driver of the vehicle fit the description of Frank Fiorini,
also known as Frank Anthony Sturgis, and referred the
vehicle to secondary inspection.

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The subsequent inspection conducted by Customs
Inspector [redacted] was negative, but it was learned
that the driver of the vehicle was Fiorini and the
Office of Investigations, Bureau of Customs, was notified,
per instructions on the lookout notice.

The investigation conducted by Customs Agent
[redacted] and [redacted] revealed the following:

The driver and owner of the car was identified
as Frank Anthony Sturgis of 2515 Northwest 122nd Street,
Miami, Florida. He stated that his original name was
Frank Angelo Fiorini, but as a result of court action

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in Norfolk, Virginia, his name was legally changed to Frank Anthony Sturgis. He was born on December 9, 1924, in Norfolk, Virginia, is about 5'10" tall, weighs 205 pounds, and has brown eyes and brown hair. He denied any previous arrests. He stated that he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1942 and was discharged in 1945. In October, 1964, he went to the Panama Canal Zone and returned to the United States on November 23, 1964. He also stated that he has made several trips to Cuba, the last being in 1959. He entered into Mexico on April 11, 1967, and went to Ciudad Mante and Tampico; and that the purpose of his trip was strictly for rest and relaxation. He is the owner of the Hampton Roads Salvage Company of Florida in Miami. Sturgis also stated that one of the occupants of the car,

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Another occupant of the car was identified as [redacted] also of [redacted]. He was born [redacted]. He is [redacted] tall and weighs [redacted] pounds. He has brown eyes and brown hair. He is a [redacted] by trade and was last employed by a [redacted] but is presently unemployed; he may go to work for Sturgis on a salvage boat. He stated that he has known Sturgis for two years. He stated that they had gone on a pleasure trip to Ciudad Mante and Tampico in the Republic of Mexico and had taken many photographs and slides of the scenery and other objects. He denied any previous arrests.

The third occupant of the car purported himself to be [redacted] in [redacted] although a voters registration card in his possession showed the address as [redacted] in [redacted]. The physical description on the drivers license presented as identification did not fit the possessor. After a lengthy interrogation and

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investigation performed with the assistance of the Brownsville Police Department, the occupant stated that his true name was [redacted] and that he resided in the [redacted] of the [redacted] at [redacted]. He is [redacted] tall, weighs [redacted] pounds, had blue eyes and brown hair. He was born on [redacted] in [redacted] had only ten pesos in his possession and stated that Sturgis was paying his way into Mexico and back to Miami. He stated that he was employed at one time as a short order cook at the [redacted] in Key Largo, Florida, but was presently unemployed. He denied any previous arrests. It was also stated by [redacted] that the purpose of their trip was for rest and relaxation. He was turned over to the Police Department and was charged with vagrancy and possession of false identification. His bond was set at \$50, in lieu of which he was remanded to the Cameron County Jail.

All documents possessed by Sturgis and [redacted] appeared to be in order and they were allowed to proceed into the United States. They stated that they were going back to Miami.

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Chief of Police [redacted] Brownsville, Texas, advised on April 20, 1967, that he detained [redacted] in Brownsville because [redacted] had false papers; however, inquiry made by the Brownsville Police Department failed to disclose that [redacted] was wanted by police authorities in Miami.

[redacted] was interviewed at the Brownsville Police Department on April 20, 1967, by Special Agent Clay Zachry, Jr. [redacted] said that he made the trip to Mexico with Frank Anthony Sturgis who was born Frank Angelo Fiorini and Sturgis's [redacted]

[redacted] They went in a 1958 Cadillac owned by Sturgis. [redacted] said that they planned to enter Mexico

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from Brownsville, Texas, but got lost in Brownsville and turned up the Military Road going west. They finally saw a sign pointing toward an international bridge and they went to it and crossed the Rio Grande at Progreso. This is a small port, and they could not get documentation to go into the interior and were sent up the Mexican side of the river to Reynosa where they received tourist permits for themselves and the car on April 12, 1967. [] said that they went to the Hotel Mante in Mante, Tamps. and stayed there except for a short side trip to Tampico. [] said that their only reason for going to Mexico, so far as he was concerned, was to get drunk and raise hell. He said that they all three came out of Mexico from Matamoros, Tamps. to Brownsville, Texas, at about 8:15 p.m. on April 17, 1967, and that he was put in jail for having false documents and that [] and Sturgis said that they were proceeding to Miami.

[] denied any knowledge of any political motives for the trip. He said that he knows that Sturgis is strong anti-Castro but that this subject was not discussed on their trip to Mexico. [] said that when he got out of jail that he planned to go directly to Miami where he planned to get married.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (109-480)
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (109-12) (RUC)
SUBJECT: UNSUBS; Alleged Plans to
Blow Up Cuban Ship in
Mexican Port, Possibly
Vera Cruz
IS - CUBA

OO: Miami

Remytel to the Director dated 4/21/67.

Enclosed herewith are nine copies of an
LHM suitable in this case reflecting information
obtained at Brownsville, Texas.

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1 - Miami (105-12890) (Info)
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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (109-480)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (109-33)(P)

SUBJECT: Alleged Plans to Blow Up
Cuban Ship in Mexico Port, Possibly
Vera Cruz
IS - CUBA
MI - CUBA
(OO MIAMI)

Re Miami airtel to Bureau, 4/21/67, and mytel
to Bureau and Miami, 4/28/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one reel of Ema color
movie film which is a duplicate of an original reel owned
by FRANK STURGIS, 2515 NW 122nd Street, Miami, Florida,
33157.

On 5/2/67, the original film sent by FRANK
STURGIS, as described in referenced teletype, was returned
by Dynacolor Corporation, Brockport, New York, to STURGIS.

On that date, [redacted] Dynacolor
Corporation, advised their mail personnel had located a
second reel which had been sent to them for processing by
STURGIS with the same address as the first reel. The post-
mark on this reel indicated only that it was mailed from
Florida. This second reel, when processed, was completely

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- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 1) (AMM)
- 2 - Miami (105-12600) (AMM)
- ① - San Antonio (109-12) (Info) (AMM)
- 2 - Buffalo

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blank and, according to [redacted] either the film was not loaded properly and did not run through the camera, or STURGIS inadvertently mailed them an unexposed reel of film, thinking that it had been exposed.

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On 5/2/67, [redacted] Eastman Kodak Company, 365 Ridge Road, Rochester, New York, furnished a copy of the first reel of film which had been duplicated from the original. He advised the contrast of the duplicate reel will be increased somewhat; however, the color and lighting are substantially identical to the original. [redacted] advised their plant in Rochester has no facilities for duplicating any particular frame from the reel of film; therefore, no individual prints were prepared.

FD-302a regarding investigation conducted at Rochester and Brockport, New York, are being prepared and will be forwarded to Miami Division. The duplicate film is being furnished the Bureau at this time and final disposition should be determined by the Bureau. Since it appears time is of the essence, a determination can be made whether to print individual copies of selected frames or furnish the complete film to the Legat, Mexico City, to assist in the location of the bombs and related items supposedly buried by subjects in Mexico.

The film should be eventually furnished the Miami Office, the Office of Origin, as being of possible evidentiary value.

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To: SAC, Miami (Enclosure)
Legat, Mexico City (Enclosure)

From: Director, FBI

FRANK ANGELO FIORINI, aka, et al
IS - CUBA
NM - CUBA
(BUDED 5/22/67)

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ReMMairtel 4/25/67 and previous communications from San Antonio and Mexico in the captioned matter and SAairtel 5/3/67 with enclosure.

For information of recipients the Bureau, on 4/28/67, furnished the facts in this matter to the Department for determination as to whether there was a violation of the neutrality statutes or any other statutes within the Bureau's jurisdiction and, if so, whether an investigation is desired.

Attached for each recipient is copy of Department letter 5/4/67, contents of which are self-explanatory. Note that the Department has indicated that the facts indicate possible violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 956 (Conspiracy to injure property of a foreign government) and Title 22, U. S. Code, Section 1934 (Unlicensed exportation of munitions). To assist the Department in making its determination it has requested certain information set forth in the attached communication.

① - San Antonio (Enclosure)

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Airtel to SAC, Miami
Re: FRANK ANGELO FIORINI

Miami and Mexico submit memoranda for dissemination incorporating all pertinent information developed by each office to date. Miami include in its memorandum the information requested by the Department, set forth in the first three sentences on page two as well as any available evidence to corroborate [] statement that he, Fiorini, and [] returned to Brownsville, Texas, on 4/17/67 at which time their car was searched and [] was arrested because he had false identification.

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Mexico furnish all pertinent information received from the Mexican Government. In this connection Mexico see its cable 5/4/67 captioned "Anti-Fidel Castro Activities, IS - Cuba, NM," which indicates that the explosives left in Mexico by Fiorini have been recovered by Federal authorities. Mexico determine whereabouts of explosives and contemplated disposition so Department can be advised in view of possibility of prosecution. Also determine from Mexican authorities what evidence would be available to show the explosive nature of the material recovered.

All offices handle by 5/22/67.

5/9/67

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To: SACs, Miami (105-12390) (Enclosure)
~~San Antonio~~ (109-12)
Buffalo (109-33)
Legat, Mexico City (Enclosure)

From: Director, FBI (105-165503)

UNSUBS; Alleged Plans to Blow Up Cuban Ship
in Mexico Port, Possibly Veracruz
IS - CUBA
NM - CUBA

ReBUairtel 5/3/67 with enclosure, and Legat, Mexico
cable 5/4/67 captioned "Anti-Fidel Castro Activities, IS-Cuba,
NM." This cable indicated that the explosives left in Mexico
by Frank Fiorini have been recovered by Federal authorities.
A copy of re Buffalo airtel is attached for Mexico.

The film transmitted to the Bureau as an enclosure
to reairtel is being transmitted herewith to the Miami Office.
This film should be appropriately reviewed and the pertinent
information incorporated in the forthcoming report in this
matter being prepared by the Miami Office.

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Date: 5/10/67

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (109-12)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-12890) (P)
SUBJECT: FRANK ANGELO FIORINI, aka, ET AL
IS - CUBA
NM - CUBA

Re San Antonio airtel to the Bureau, dated 5/3/67 and captioned UNSUBS; Alleged Plans to Blow Up Cuban Ship in Mexican Port, Possibly Veracruz; IS - CUBA, which enclosed to the Bureau nine copies of an LHM in this matter.

No copy of instant LHM was received by Miami.

It is requested that a copy of the LHM be forwarded to Miami by AIR MAIL for possible assistance in instant investigation being conducted by the Miami office. In particular, Miami is interested in the false identification papers which were found in the possession of [redacted]

U. S. Customs, Miami, has advised that this identification was in the name of [redacted]. During interview of [redacted] he thought the identification might be in the name of [redacted] and stated he had purchased the identification for \$25.00 from an unknown person on skidrow in Miami. He said the Brownsville PD confiscated the identification, which he ascertained while in custody at Brownsville, belonged to an attorney at Coral Gables, Florida. It is believed [redacted] possession of this identification would be of interest to the Miami PD or SO in view of the fact [redacted] may be involved in a B & E in that he hangs out at a motel at Miami which is known to be frequented by thieves and fences.

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Special Agent in Charge

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MIAMI (105-12890)
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (109-12) (RUC)
RE: FRANK ANGELO FIORINI, Aka
IS - CUBA
NM - CUBA

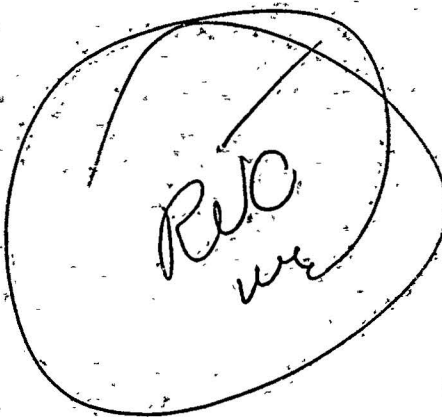
Re San Antonio Airtel to the Bureau dated 5/3/67.
Miami Airtel to San Antonio, 5/10/67.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the LHM sent to
the Bureau with San Antonio Airtel to Bureau 5/3/67.

The enclosed LHM contains all of the information
available to San Antonio with the following exception.
[redacted] told the Brownsville PD and SA CLAY ZACHRY, JR.
the same story reflected in your Airtel that he bought a
drivers license belonging to [redacted] on skid
row in Miami and that he does not personally know [redacted]

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SAC, MIAMI (105-12890)

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Alleged Plans To Blow Up
Cuban Ship in Mexico Port
Possibly Veracruz
IS-CUBA
NM-CUBA
OO Miami
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Remyairtel to Bureau 5/3/67, and Buairtel 5/9/67.

Enclosed for Miami are 20 copies each of eight
FD-302's (two of which have 2 pgs.) reflecting results of
investigation at Rochester, N.Y.

On 5/12/67, [] Dynacolor Corp., Brockport,
N.Y., advised they have not located any additional films
as being sent by EITHER FRANK STURGIS or FRANK FIORINI.

[] was advised that in view of the time element, it
will not be necessary to continue checking for any additional
films as of this date.

In view of above, all investigation completed by
Buffalo Division and case being RUC'd.

- 2 - Miami (Encls. 200) (RM)
- 1 - San Antonio (Info) (109-12) (RM)
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AIRTEL

To: Director, FBI (100-100)
From: Legat, Mexico City (105-6046) (P)

FRANK ANGELO FIORINI, AKA.; ET AL.;
REPORTED PLANS TO BLOW UP CUBAN
SHIP IN MEXICAN PORT, POSSIBLY
VERACRUZ
IS - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS - CUBA

Enclosed herewith for transmittal to the Miami
Office are 16 photographs depicting location and recovery
of explosives buried by FIORINI and companions in the State
of Tamaulipas, Mexico.

Re Bureau airtel 4/25/67 and Miami airtels 4/20,
21, and 23/67.

On 4/27/67 information in Miami airtel 4/20/67
was furnished to [redacted]

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On 5/2/67 the same persons were furnished
information from Miami airtels 4/21 and 23/67 together
with copies of the photographs furnished to Miami by
subject [redacted] of the location of the burial of the
explosives.

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On 5/4/67 [redacted] (protect identity)
furnished SA [redacted] with 16 photographs of 2 agents

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of the DTS and 2 Mexican Army demolition men recovering the explosives. [redacted] indicated that with the information furnished by the Miami Office his men had no difficulty in locating and recovering these objects. Inasmuch as no individual descriptions of the photographs were obtained from DTS and they are basically self-explanatory, no descriptive list is being set forth.

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As the Bureau and Miami are aware, on 5/3/67 a bomb of low power was apparently thrown into the courtyard of the Cuban Embassy at Mexico, D.F., and exploded underneath the automobile usually occupied by the Cuban Ambassador to Mexico JOAQUIN HERNANDEZ ARMAS. The DTS is of the opinion that the bombing is the work of some exile group very likely based in Florida and on this basis a telephone call was made by the Mexico City Office to Miami on 5/4/67 and as a result DTS could be assured that FRANK FIORINI was in Miami on that date. Leads to determine the whereabouts of other logical suspects, including the other Cuban suspects in this case, are being handled under the caption "ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES, IS - CUBA, NEUTRALITY MATTERS, Bufile 100-534, Miami File 105-172, MEX 100-114."

LEADS

MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Miami is requested to furnish Mexico City with photographs of the subjects, other than THOMPSON which has already been received and furnished to our Mexican sources.

MEXICO CITY

AT MEXICO, D. F.

Will maintain contact with DTS for the results of their investigations of the activities of the subjects in Mexico.

Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

May 19, 1967

Director, FBI

FRANK ANGELO FIORINI, and others
REPORTED PLANS TO BLOW UP CUBAN SHIP
IN MEXICAN PORT, POSSIBLY VERACRUZ
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS - CUBA

Reference is made to our previous communications in the captioned matter, particularly to our communication dated April 28, 1967, which transmitted information indicating that some of those involved in the plan to blow up a vessel in Mexico buried explosives in Mexico prior to their return to the United States.

On May 4, 1967, a confidential source abroad furnished 16 photographs depicting the recovery of the buried explosives by Mexican authorities. Copies of these photographs are attached.

This is for your information.

105-165503

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- 2 - Miami (105-12890) (Enclosures - 18)
- ② - San Antonio (Enclosure)
- 1 - Legat, Mexico City (105-6046)

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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley

NOTE FOR SACS, MIAMI AND SAN ANTONIO:

Attached for Miami are two copies of Mexico airtel 5/8/67 with 16 enclosures. One copy of the airtel without enclosures is attached for San Antonio.

Miami promptly cover lead set forth in Mexico airtel. San Antonio furnish any additional pertinent information which may be received in this matter.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Miami, Florida

In Reply, Please Refer to
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FRANK ANGELO FIORINI, also
known as Frank Anthony Sturgis;

[redacted], also

known as [redacted]
Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA:

[redacted]
also known as [redacted]
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REPORTED PLANS TO BLOW UP CUBAN
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Investigation in this matter was predicated upon information received on April 12, 1967, from a confidential source, who has furnished insufficient information to judge his reliability. The source advised that an individual, believed identical with FRANK FIORINI, had stated during the week prior to April 7, 1967, that he and three other persons would travel to Mexico by way of Brownsville, Texas, for the purpose of blowing up a Cuban ship, possibly in the Port of Veracruz, Mexico. FIORINI had indicated that he would be accompanied by three other persons and it was believed that he would travel in a 1958 black Cadillac sedan. The group, including FIORINI, was supposed to enter Mexico about April 12, 1967, and return immediately to Miami upon completion of its mission.

On April 13, 1967, the same confidential source identified a photograph of FRANK ANGELO FIORINI, FBI No. 948 362C, born December 9, 1924, in Norfolk, Virginia, as the individual involved in the plan to blow up a Cuban ship in Mexico. He said that FIORINI claimed that his Cadillac was an "outfit car," meaning a hoodlum car with possible hidden compartments.

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FRANK ANGELO FIORINI, ET AL

On April 13, 1967, inquiry at the residence of FRANK FIORINI, also known as FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, 2515 N. W. 122nd Street, Miami, Florida, by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, resulted in contact with [redacted] who stated [redacted] was in New York and she did not know when he would return.

On April 18, 1967, [redacted] U. S. Customs, Miami, advised that on that same date, he was informed by the U. S. Customs office at Brownsville, Texas, that on the night of April 17, 1967, three United States citizens entered Brownsville, Texas, from Mexico in a 1958 white Cadillac, four-door hardtop, bearing 1966 Florida license 1WW-19829. He said these three were identified as FRANK ANGELO FIORINI, whose name had been legally changed to FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, a resident of 2515 N. W. 122nd Street, Miami, Florida; [redacted] who claimed to be [redacted] FIORINI; and [redacted] who was using identification in the name of [redacted] [redacted] stated [redacted] claimed to reside at the [redacted] in Miami, and he was detained at Brownsville on a charge of possessing false identification.

Mr. [redacted] advised that his Brownsville office had reported that the three individuals claimed to have been in Mexico for six days, having crossed into Mexico at Reynosa, Texas. Mr. [redacted] stated a search of the Cadillac yielded no explosives or other contraband..

A check of the records of the Dade County Auto License Bureau, Miami, Florida, revealed that 1966 Florida license 1WW-19829 was registered to FRANK STURGIS, 2515 N. W. 122nd Street, Miami, Florida, on a 1958 four-door Cadillac.

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Date April 27, 1967

At approximately 10:00 A.M., April 21, 1967, a telephone call was received by Special Agent [redacted] at the Miami Office of the FBI from an individual who declined to furnish his name, but who stated he possessed information concerning a plan to place bombs on a ship in a Mexican port. He stated he knows the location of the bombs and the detonating devices which were to be used for the bombing of the ship, which he described as being a "London" ship. He said he was motivated to furnish information concerning this plot because he felt he had been "used", in that expenses amounting to about \$350.00 had been made on his credit card in connection with the travel to and from Mexico.

The anonymous telephone caller stated he could be reached in the next hour at Room 317 in the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge at Alton Road in Miami Beach. Before furnishing the location where he could be contacted, the caller insisted that he be financially reimbursed for the information he would furnish. He indicated that inasmuch as he was in debt to the extent of over \$300.00 resulting from the bombing plot of which he had knowledge that such a sum would be a reasonable request for his information. It was pointed out to him that before any money could be given him, it would be necessary to have corroboration of his information and, in any case, payment of \$300.00 could not be made to him. He stated that one of the individuals concerning whom he intended to give information was [redacted]

[redacted] He stated that there never had been any [redacted]

[redacted] It was agreed that payment would be made

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to him if there was evidence that the information was of value and was true.

At 11:05 A.M., April 21, 1967, an individual who identified himself as [redacted] born [redacted] was contacted in Room 317 of the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge. [redacted] was advised of his right to remain silent, and he stated he would not have called the Miami FBI Office if he had not voluntarily wished to furnish information. He stated that he had seen enough programs on television to know about his rights in such matters. He nevertheless was informed that any statement he might make could be used against him in court, that he had the right to the services of a lawyer before questioning. He was further informed that any statement he would make must be completely voluntary and not based on any anticipation of payment inasmuch as payment could not be guaranteed him although some payment would be made if the information proved to be true. He stated that his information would be found true and that his request for money was based primarily

[redacted] stated he had been living in [redacted] until the latter part of [redacted] having been employed there by the [redacted] and he came to Miami about [redacted] and stayed at the [redacted] FRANK FIORINI, at 2515 N. W. 122nd Street, Miami. He related that during the first week of April, 1967, he accompanied FIORINI around Miami and ascertained that FIORINI was involved with a Cuban, Doctor ORLANDO BOSCH, in a plan to blow up a Cuban ship in Mexico. He stated that on three occasions during the first week of April, 1967, he accompanied FIORINI to the Golden Fountain Restaurant, W. Flagler Street, Miami, where FIORINI met with BOSCH. He said he himself did not sit

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at the table with FIORINI and BOSCH because FIORINI instructed him to sit apart from them, but in conversation with FIORINI after the latter's meetings with BOSCH, he ascertained the nature of their plans concerning the bombing of a ship in Mexico. He said that on each occasion in the restaurant, BOSCH was accompanied by an individual whom FIORINI referred to as [redacted]. He said [redacted] works for a [redacted] at Miami which is [redacted].

[redacted] was also BOSCH.

[redacted] stated that although [redacted] FRANK FIORINI, he had not seen FIORINI until [redacted]. He said that at that time he was [redacted] when he saw an article concerning FIORINI which appeared in "Parade", the Sunday supplement which appears in many newspapers in the United States. He stated that his

[redacted] FIORINI was overseas in military service. He stated that after the war FIORINI did not return to Norfolk, Virginia, [redacted]. He stated that he knew of FIORINI, however, from photos [redacted], and upon seeing the article in "Parade" magazine, he contacted the author, JACK ANDERSON, at Washington, D. C., and through the latter made contact with FIORINI in Miami and subsequently came to Miami and visited him. He said he has visited FIORINI several times since but they have not [redacted].

He stated that FIORINI is very military-minded and considers himself to be the military General for ORLANDO BOSCH.

[redacted] stated that he [redacted] FIORINI on the trip to Mexico which FIORINI had explained to him because he considered it to be a joy ride and did not

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seriously consider the idea of putting a bomb on a ship. In any event, he did not consider it too grievous a plan if a bomb were placed on a Cuban ship. [redacted] stated that FIORINI spent considerable money in preparing his 1958, four-door Cadillac for the trip to Mexico, even had the car repainted white in color. He stated that much of the work was done at Bob's Friendly Texaco Station in Miami, and FIORINI made use of [redacted] Credit Card, stating that ORLANDO BOSCH would reimburse them for any expenses incurred in the operation to bomb the ship in Mexico.

Following the preliminary discussion of the bombing plot involving ORLANDO BOSCH and FIORINI, [redacted] checked out of the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, and the interview was continued in the Miami Office of the FBI. [redacted] furnished the following signed statement at the Miami FBI Office, [redacted] having been advised of his rights, as reflected on an executed warning and waiver form:

"Miami Florida
April 21, 1967

"I, [redacted] furnish the following voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I came to Miami from [redacted] about [redacted] and stayed in the house of Frank Fiorini, 2515 NW 122 St., Miami. At this time Frank told me about a plan to go on an anti-Castro mission for Dr. Orlando Bosch of Miami. I've seen Dr. Bosch about three times and Frank talked to him at the Golden Fountain Restaurant on each of these

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"occasions during the first week of April, 1967. I did not talk to Bosch as Frank Fiorini did not want me in the conversation. A Cuban known to me as [redacted] was with Bosch each time. Frank told me the plan discussed at these meetings was to blow up a Cuban ship in a Mexican port.

"On Thursday evening, I'm quite certain it was on Thursday, April 6, 1967 I went with Frank Fiorini in his 1958 Cadillac, 4 door sedan, to a garage and tire shop located across from the Riverside laundry near the Miami river. A man named [redacted] operates this garage. The person I know as [redacted] was also there. [redacted] and [redacted] proceeded to take the panels off the rear doors of Frank's Cadillac and they put a bomb and a magnet in each door. Frank told me that all that was necessary was to unscrew a plug from the end of each bomb and insert a pencil detonator and that's one less ship doing business with Castro, or a statement similar to that. After putting a bomb and magnet in each door, wrapped in tire tubing, [redacted] and [redacted] put the panels back on the doors. [redacted] also gave Frank four detonators and these were put up under the dashboard of Frank's car.

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"Frank told me he had another fellow named [redacted] who would go along with us to Mexico. Frank said we'd go to Tampico or Vera Cruz.

"The next Saturday, April 8, 1967, Frank and his wife brought [redacted] to the house and that same night about 8 PM we started driving to Mexico. Frank had put an inflatable raft in the car trunk before we

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"On Tuesday morning, April 11, 1967 we crossed into Mexico, just about noontime, at Reynosa, Mexico. We arrived in Ciudad Mante and checked into the Mante Hotel about 11 PM, April 11, 1967.

"The next morning the three of us drove to Tampico and looked around.

"The following day, Thursday April 13, 1967, we just lounged around the Mante Hotel.

"Friday, April 14, 1967, we went to Tampico again. We ate in a restaurant next to the beach and Frank arranged through a waitress to rent a boat. The owner of the boat and his helper then took us up the river at Tampico where the ships dock. Frank saw a British ship named 'The London', a freighter, and he took a lot of movie pictures of this ship. After we got back to the beach, where we had rented the boat, Frank told me the British ship was the one to be bombed. I told Frank I didn't believe in blowing up a London ship and that I thought he'd blow up any ship. He asked me if I realized they were shipping to North Viet Nam. I told him I was going back to the hotel in Ciudad Mante. Frank and [] stayed in Tampico and I took the bus to Mante arriving there about 10 PM.

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"The next day Frank called me from Tampico and said they had trouble with the car, needing a voltage regulator, and they wouldn't be back to Mante until the next day.

"On Sunday morning about 3 AM, April 16,

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"1967, Frank and [] woke me up in the Hotel Mante. Frank told me they could not place the bombs because the car was giving so much trouble that they might not be able to get away from Tampico.

"We stayed all day, Sunday, April 16, at the Hotel Mante.

"The next morning, April 17, 1967, we left Ciudad Mante enroute to Texas. About half way between Ciudad Mante and Ciudad Victoria we parked the car near a lookout parking area on the highway. There [] and Frank took the bombs and magnets from the rear floor of the car and the detonators from under the dash and they buried them on the hillside by the road, putting the 5 items in 5 different holes dug with the stand for the car-jack. I took pictures of the area with my camera.

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"We then drove to Texas entering at Brownsville about 10 PM, Monday night, April 17, 1967. At Brownsville, the Customs officers searched our car. [] was arrested by the authorities because he had false identification. Frank and I then drove steadily until we arrived in Miami about 4 AM, Thursday, April 20, 1967.

"I have read this stament consisting of seven pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowdledg₇.

(Signed) []

"Witnesses: []

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[] further stated that the four pencil detonators were furnished by ORLANDO BOSCH for use with the bombs, and they were observed by [] to have white tabs, which FIORINI explained were indicators that the detonators had a delay period of one hour before exploding when the tabs were removed. [] stated that the detonators were silver in color, but he said he was not certain whether they might be U. S. military detonators or may have been home-made. [] described the two bombs as about two feet in length, about a foot wide and about two inches in thickness.

[] stated he had not known the individual who accompanied him and FIORINI on the trip to Mexico until this individual arrived at FIORINI's house on the night they started the trip to Mexico. He said he was not certain what previous friendship existed between FIORINI and this third individual whom he referred to as []. He became aware that [] lived at the Alda Motel in Miami and that he was involved with a girl named [] (Last Name Unknown), who was []

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[] stated that the rubber raft they had brought in the trunk of FIORINI's Cadillac was left in a locker at the bus station in Brownsville, Texas, before they entered Mexico because FIORINI thought it might be suspicious if the Mexican authorities found the raft in the trunk of the car. On return from Mexico, they took the raft out of the locker and brought it back to Miami.

[] stated that FIORINI uses his legal name in most official matters, such as crossing the border or registering at a hotel. He said FIORINI's legal name is FRANK STURGIS. He said that he believed it was under this name that FIORINI received the \$200.00 telegraph money order from ORLANDO BOSCH after having made a long distance

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telephone call to BOSCH from Ciudad Mante.

[] stated that the hotel restaurant in Tampico, Mexico, where they ate and then rented a boat is located next to a Naval monument where a soldier is continually stationed on guard duty. The boat that they rented through the waitress at the restaurant belonged to a Mexican called [] who apparently hired out regularly to take people on cruises. [] said that when they went up the river at Tampico, FIORINI observed an Algerian ship which he thought would be a proper bombing target but this ship appeared to have guards on duty and, therefore, FIORINI decided against an attempt on this ship.

[] stated that after FIORINI selected the ship named "The London", which [] recalled had a home port in northern England, name of port not remembered, FIORINI explained that they would place the bombs on the ship at the water level using the magnets they had brought. [] stated it was at that point that he told FIORINI and [] that he wanted no part in attacking a British ship, and it was then that he returned to the Mante Hotel by bus.

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[] described [] the individual operating the garage and tire shop in Miami where the bombs, magnets, and detonators were hidden in FIORINI's car prior to the trip to Mexico, as a man about [] years of age, who speaks fair English. He said the other Cuban person at the garage during the installation of the bombs and magnets in the rear doors of FIORINI's Cadillac was [] whom he described as slim and able to speak good English.

Descriptive data on [] obtained during interview is as follows:

Name:
Born:

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Name on birth certificate:
Mother
Aunt:

[redacted]
NORA [redacted] deceased

Girl friend:

[redacted] a senior at

Marital Status:

[redacted]
Virginia
Divorced in June, 1965, from
[redacted] whom
he married at Roanoke,
Virginia, on [redacted]

Height:

Weight:

Hair:

Eyes:

Military Service:

[redacted] pounds

Dark brown, [redacted]

Brown

Arrest Record:

Driver's License:

[redacted] None admitted

[redacted] License [redacted]

issued [redacted]

reflecting residence at

[redacted] stated that neither he nor FIORINI
or [redacted] carried any firearms on the trip to Mexico. He
advised that the home telephone number of FIORINI is
688-3388.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date May 3, 1967

[redacted] upon being advised of his rights, executed a Warning and Waiver Form and furnished the following signed statement, which is translated from the Spanish language as follows:

Miami, Florida
April 26, 1967

I, [redacted], make the following statement voluntarily to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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I am [redacted] years of age and live with my family at 6437 Southwest 22nd Street, Miami. I am the owner of the [redacted] Miami.

I have known Mr. FRANK FIORINI for about ten years as he is a client of my garage for those years. About the first week of April, 1967, FRANK brought to my garage his 1958 white Cadillac. He wanted various repairs on the car before making a vacation trip. He did not tell me where he planned to go.

FRANK was accompanied by a friend about [redacted] or more years of age, taller than FRANK. I did not see this youth more than this one time.

It was about 4:00 or 4:30 p.m. when FRANK and his friend arrived. FRANK indicated he planned to leave on vacation

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in a few days. I worked about three hours on the repair of FRANK's car. He and his companion may have left to eat, but they remained around the garage until I finished the work. That was about 7:00 or 7:30 p.m.

About 6:30 p.m., more or less, there arrived in their personal cars Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH and [redacted] known as [redacted]. I have known Doctor BOSCH for a couple of months, having been introduced by [redacted]. I have known [redacted] since 1957.

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I do not know if they were called to my garage by FRANK as he was accustomed to use the phone in my garage. They--FRANK, Doctor BOSCH, and [redacted]--had a conversation of fifteen or twenty minutes while I was working on FRANK's car. I did not hear their conversation.

I made repairs to the generator, the brakes, the windshield wipers, the voltage regulator, and the drive shaft universal. I asked FRANK if he wanted me to repair the windows of the rear doors. He told me no. I did nothing to the rear doors, neither repairing them nor removing the panels from them.

I did not put any package, any item of military equipment, nor any foreign object in FRANK's car.

FRANK next returned to my garage on Friday and Saturday the 21st and 22nd of April, for

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repairs to his wife's Falcon. He did not tell me where he went on his trip, although he told me that the generator in the Cadillac had burned out, and he may have told me he had to replace the regulator and perhaps that he had trouble with the radiator.

I have seen FRANK together with ORLANDO BOSCH one time, that night in the beginning of April, in my garage. I have seen FRANK with [] several times.

I have read this statement of four pages, and it is the truth and correct to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ []

Witnesses:

/s/ [] Special Agent, Federal
Bureau of Investigation, Miami. 4/26/67.

/s/ [] Special Agent, Federal
Bureau of Investigation, Miami. 4/26/67.

Mr. [] stated that he has done repair work for FIORINI through the years and that, at present, FIORINI still owes him approximately \$60 for work, including that done on the Cadillac in the beginning of April, 1967. He stated that FIORINI's Cadillac had been green in color but had been painted white at some other garage shortly before April, 1967.

[] stated that he had only seen the companion of FIORINI, who accompanied FIORINI to the garage on the

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occasion of the first week of April, 1967, that one time and did not know his name. He did not believe this individual spoke or understood Spanish. He did not recall whether this individual was included in the conversation which took place at the garage between FIORINI, BOSCH, and [] He said FIORINI speaks and understands Spanish.

[] stated he had asked FIORINI if he wanted the rear windows repaired on the Cadillac because he found they did not open when he pressed the buttons which electrically operate the windows. He said he pointed out to FRANK that the car would be hot on a long trip if the windows could not be opened, but FIORINI said it did not matter.

[] stated that neither ORLANDO BOSCH nor [] had any work to be done on their cars on the night they met with FIORINI at the garage while FIORINI was having his car repaired by []

[] recalled that BOSCH came in his 1953 green Chevrolet, and [] came in his 1964 or 1965 white Falcon. He recalled that BOSCH and [] left the garage before FIORINI's car was ready. He did not think that BOSCH or [] had brought any packages to the garage. He did not believe they had put anything in FIORINI's car.

He was certain they had not removed the panels of the rear doors of FIORINI's car. He denied that BOSCH or [] had given him any bombs, magnets, or pencil-type detonators to be hidden in FIORINI's car. He stated that while he did not consider the meeting at his garage between BOSCH, [] and FIORINI to be normal, he figured they had some political matters to discuss concerning the Cuban situation in which he knows the three to be interested.

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[] stated he is not a member of the MIRR, i.e. the organization headed by ORLANDO BOSCH known as the Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion Revolucionaria.

He stated that he knows [] to be a close friend of BOSCH but could not say if [] is active in the MIRR. He stated that [] works for the [] at Miami.

He stated [] is the godfather of [] son, and he has known [] since 1957, when the latter was in exile in Miami from the Cuban regime of FULGENCIO BATISTA.

[] stated that he does not believe FRANK FIORINI is employed because he comes to the garage at any hour of the day, sometimes just to use the telephone.

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He said FIORINI once told him he worked at a hotel in Miami Beach. He said he has met FIORINI's wife. He said FIORINI did not tell me if his wife or anyone else went on the trip, which he said he was taking in April, 1967.

A description of [] obtained during interview is as follows:

Age
Date of birth
Place of birth
Citizenship

Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes

[]
[]
[]
Cuban - resident in the
United States since 1955.
[] inches
[] pounds
Brown, receding at temples
Brown

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Wife

Married

[redacted] they have
three children, all
residing at [redacted]

[redacted] Florida.

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[redacted] was contacted at his place of self-employment, the [redacted] Miami.

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Mr. [redacted] was advised of his rights as reflected on an executed Warning and Waiver Form.

He stated that he is the only mechanic at his garage, and he does not allow others to do their own work in his garage.

Mr. [redacted] checked his address and telephone number book, which he maintains at the garage, and advised that the telephone number of [redacted] whose correct name is [redacted] is HI 6-7118. He also located the telephone number and address of FRANK FIORINI in his address book and advised that FRANK's telephone number is 688-3388, and his residence address is 2515 Northwest 122nd Street, Miami.

Mr. [redacted] with the assistance of his wife, who handles paper work at the garage, reviewed billings for garage work performed by [redacted] in an attempt to locate a bill for work done on the 1958 Cadillac of FRANK FIORINI.

Review of these bills for the month of April, 1967, revealed no billing in the name of FIORINI.

[redacted] stated that he, nevertheless, had performed such work about the first week of April, and he recalled that no bill was made out at that time, but rather in April he completed work that was listed on a previous bill.

Mr. [redacted] then located a bill bearing No. 2462, dated March 28, 1967, which listed no name or car description but which [redacted] recalled as the bill he had prepared for FRANK. This bill listed a column of charges totalling

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\$204.71, none of which were described by part or nature of work. This same bill indicated a balance of \$137.64, and Mr. [] explained that \$67.07 had apparently been paid on that bill by FIORINI. He said FIORINI paid him by personal check and recalled that subsequent to the payment of \$67.07, FIORINI gave him two checks each for \$50, thereby further reducing the balance owed.

[] stated that these payments were not shown as credited against the balance of \$137.64 because FIORINI also owed him money on other past work.

[] stated he did not know what amount FIORINI actually owed him, and he pointed out that FIORINI was his friend, and for this reason he did not keep accurate figures on FIORINI's bills.

[] stated that in the past, FIORINI's personal checks have always been good, although FIORINI has asked him on occasion to delay before depositing his checks.

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May 4, 1967

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[redacted] was interviewed at the [redacted] where he resides and where his father, MICHAEL ROCHE, is the caretaker.

[redacted] was advised of his rights as reflected on an executed Warning and Waiver Form.

He stated that he has known FRANK STURGIS, whom he has on occasion referred to as FRANK FIORINI, for about the past two years. He said he had met FIORINI at the bar or coffee shop of the Vagabond Motel, located on Biscayne Boulevard, and has maintained a friendship with him since that time. He stated that inasmuch as he planned to get married in mid-April, 1967, FIORINI suggested that they go together on a "bachelor party" to Mexico. He said this was decided upon the day before they set out for Mexico, which he recalled to be about April 7, 1967.

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He said that a [redacted] FIORINI by the [redacted] went along on the trip to Mexico. This [redacted] is known as [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he, himself, has been unemployed for several months. His last employment having been at the [redacted] in the Florida Keys, where he worked as a [redacted]

He said he had developed a hernia while at the Ocean Reef Hotel and was operated on about the beginning of February, 1967. He has not been employed since that time and has stayed at the Alda Motel during that period.

He stated that he did not know what, if any, employment FIORINI had, but said that FIORINI had "hit the dogs" and, therefore, had enough money for the expenses for the trip to Mexico.

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[] stated that he has visited FIORINI's house on only one occasion and that was the night they left on the trip to Mexico about April 7, 1967. He said that he had supper at FIORINI's house that night, and after supper they set out for Mexico, driving continuously and rotating the driving between the three of them. He said they drove straight through to save the expense of staying in motels in the United States.

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He said when they arrived at Mante, Mexico, about midnight of the second day following their departure from Miami, they checked into the Mante Hotel.

He said they originally planned to drive to Tampico, but upon reviewing the "Triple A Handbook" on motel and hotel accommodations decided it would be less expensive to stay in Mante, which is not a great distance from Tampico.

He stated that most of their time was spent in drinking, using the pool at the Mante Hotel, and in sightseeing both in Mante and in the surrounding countryside.

He said they drove to Tampico on the day before San Sebastian Day, which he described as an Italian Holiday celebrated in Tampico. He said that on the visit to Tampico, they drank in various bars and also rented a boat at a restaurant motel located at the beach in Tampico near the mouth of the river that flows through Tampico. He said this boat was operated by the brother of the woman who ran the restaurant at the motel.

He said they went up the river in the boat as far as the City of Tampico, which is not built down to

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the ocean; FIORINI took moving pictures of ferry boats crossing the river and of themselves "clowning around."

He said FIORINI mailed this film from Tampico to the United States because it was feared the heat would damage the film. He said they returned to the City of Mante after this visit to Tampico.

He said a day later, FIORINI and himself again drove from Mante to Tampico, but [] remained in Mante because he was sick with dysentery.

He stated they had considerable trouble with FIORINI's white 1957 or 1958 model Cadillac while in Tampico, and he recalled it was on a Sunday, believed to be April 16, 1967, that they had the car trouble because most garages were closed, and they had a lot of trouble finding a mechanic.

He said they had to stay overnight in Tampico and stayed at the largest hotel there, which he thought was called the Imperial. He said it cost 75 pesos total for him and FIORINI to spend the night at this hotel.

He said they had work done on the voltage regulator and generator of the Cadillac.

He said that during this trip to Tampico, while [] remained in Mante, they visited lounges and took pictures of sights in the streets.

[] stated the expenses of operating the Cadillac were higher than anticipated due mostly to the repair work which also included a flat tire in the City of Victoria, Mexico.

He said that because of the extra expenses, FIORINI called Miami, presumably his wife, and had money

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sent to him at the Hotel Mante by telegram. He said he did not know what amount FIORINI received.

[] stated that altogether, the trip for the three of them cost about \$200 to \$275, plus operation of the car. He said they all had a good time, and it was purely for this purpose that they made the trip to Mexico.

He stated that the Mexican trip was suggested to him by FIORINI on the day prior to their departure, and he agreed to go because nothing ties him down, and if he feels like it, he goes where he pleases.

[] stated he did not know Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH nor did he know any Cubans named [] or [] the latter a Cuban mechanic with a garage near downtown Miami.

He said he is aware that FRANK FIORINI talks about having lived in Cuba, and FIORINI claims to have been "a big man" in Cuba, but he pays little attention to these claims by FIORINI.

[] stated he, himself, has no Cuban contacts and that he has no sympathy for the Cuban exiles who keep coming to Miami. He stated that his association with FIORINI is based only on the fact that they occasionally go to a bar together. He said FIORINI, in fact, does not drink much but will sit in a bar and take Coke.

[] denied that he had gone to Mexico with FIORINI accompanied by FIORINI's [] for the purpose of placing explosives on a Cuban ship or any other ship in the Mexican port of Tampico.

He denied any knowledge that FIORINI had any explosive devices in the Cadillac in which they travelled to Mexico. He said he did not believe FIORINI had any

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such material in the Cadillac because on their return to the United States at Brownsville, Texas, the Customs authorities thoroughly searched the car and found nothing.

[] denied that he and/or FIORINI and [] might have left the explosives in Mexico before arriving at Brownsville.

[] stated that he was arrested at Brownsville and held from Tuesday until Friday by the police at Brownsville because he possessed false identification at the time he identified himself to the Customs authorities at Brownsville. He said the identification which he had was in the name of [] or [] which he claimed to have bought for \$25 from an unknown individual on skid row in Miami.

He said he bought the identification, which included a driver's license and other cards, because he needed a driver's license to help with the driving on the trip to Mexico.

He stated that it was determined by the Customs officers at Brownsville that the identification was not his because the driver's license reflected a description which included brown eyes, whereas his own are blue.

[] stated that after his release from jail in Brownsville, he telephoned FIORINI at Miami, and the latter sent him a total of \$75 by wire so that he could return by bus to Miami.

He said that since his return to Miami, FRANK has come to the Alda Motel to see him in order to bring some earrings and some other items which he had bought in Mexico and which were left in FIORINI's Cadillac.

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[] stated that he has never been sentenced to jail for any offense. He admitted having been []

[] He said this charge was subsequently dropped. He stated he has been married [] and divorced each time and has [] children by these [] marriages, who are with his ex-wives.

He stated he has also lived in common-law with one woman. He said he intends to marry again within a few days to the woman whose marriage to him was delayed due to his detention in Brownsville, Texas. He stated that Mr. [] Greyhound Bus Station Restaurant in Miami, knows him well inasmuch as [] has worked for [] and could furnish a recommendation as to [] honesty in past employment.

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Description of [] obtained during interview is as follows:

Age
Date of birth
Place of birth
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Teeth
3rd wife

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[] pounds
Brown and straight
Blue
In poor condition
Divorced in Florida,
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date May 4, 1967

[redacted], also known as [redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment, the [redacted] Company offices, [redacted] Miami, Florida.

He was advised of his rights against self-incrimination as reflected on an executed Warning and Waiver Form.

[redacted] stated he resides with his wife and four children at [redacted] Miami, and is employed by the [redacted] Company as a [redacted]. He advised that he is a [redacted] having come from Cuba to Miami on August 25, 1958. He stated that prior to coming to the United States, he had been the [redacted] in the City of Santiago de Cuba in eastern Cuba.

[redacted] who is [redacted] years of age, stated that he belongs to no particular anti-FIDEL CASTRO organization but assists whatever organization he believes needs or deserves his help. He stated he does not believe in certain anti-CASTRO action, such as placing bombs outside of Cuba with a view toward some indirect harm to the CASTRO Government.

He stated he is a friend of Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH, head of the anti-CASTRO group known as the "MIRR," and during 1966, was picked up with BOSCH by authorities near Naples, Florida, while they were transporting bombs from Miami to the airport at Naples. He stated that the plan of BOSCH at that time was to drop the bombs within Cuba, and this is the type of action of which he, [redacted] approves in the anti-CASTRO movement.

[redacted] stated that he has been acquainted with FRANK FIORINI since about 1958 because FIORINI has been

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involved in Cuban revolutionary matters since that time, as has been [redacted]

He stated he did not know where FIORINI was employed, or if he had employment. He said he did not know where FIORINI resided in Miami.

[redacted] stated he was also acquainted with [redacted] who operates a garage at [redacted] and [redacted] Miami, and he knows [redacted] as a result of having taken his car to that garage for repair.

[redacted] denied that he had any knowledge of a plan involving BOSCH and FIORINI to place bombs on a ship in a Mexican port as an anti-CASTRO action. He claimed that this was a type of action which he opposed because it could result in the injury of innocent persons, and he, himself, as the father of four children, considers such a bombing plan to be irresponsible.

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He stated that if a plan involving bombing within Cuba or of Cuban ships off the coast of Cuba were considered, he would support such action.

[redacted] stated he has, on occasion, met Doctor BOSCH and FIORINI at the Golden Fountain Restaurant on West Flagler Street, in Miami, inasmuch as he, on occasion, has taken his meals there, and FIORINI and BOSCH also occasionally eat at the restaurant.

He denied that they had ever met at the restaurant by appointment or for the purpose of discussing military plans.

[redacted] further denied that he had met with BOSCH or FIORINI by appointment at the garage of [redacted] in Miami during an evening in the first week of April, 1967.

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He stated that inasmuch as all three use the garage for car work, it is possible they met there by coincidence.

He denied any knowledge of the installation of bombs or other explosive devices in the car doors of FIORINI's old white Cadillac, or in any other part of the Cadillac. He said he believed any information that such activity had occurred at [redacted] Garage to be false, inasmuch as he knows that [redacted] Garage closes at 6:00 p.m. each night, and further, that it is such a public place that bombs would not be handled there. He stated that he, himself, does not know how to fabricate bombs.

[redacted] stated he had no knowledge of any trip by FRANK FIORINI to Mexico during April, 1967. He said it had been about three weeks since he last saw FIORINI, and it had been ten or twelve days since he had seen BOSCH.

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He stated he occasionally visits at the residence of BOSCH, who lives with his mother at about 35th Street in the northwest section of Miami.

Physical description of [redacted] obtained during interview is as follows:

Age
Date of birth
Place of birth
Alien Registration No.
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Complexion

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
Black
Brown
Dark, wears mustache.

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Date 5/8/67

FRANK FIORINI was located at the United Motors Sales, 9001 N. W. 7th Avenue, Miami, where he is currently employed as a used car salesman. Mr. FIORINI was advised of his rights as reflected on an executed warning and waiver form.

FIORINI stated that as of the beginning of April, 1967, he was not employed although he has, in addition to occasionally working in the used car business, operated his own business called the Hampton Roads Salvage Company. He said that this business at one time had an office on Northwest 17th Avenue, about 14th Street, in Miami, but in recent years he has conducted business from his home. He explained that in the Hampton Roads Salvage Company of which he is the only employee, he has engaged in the brokerage of small boats at Miami.

FIORINI stated that inasmuch as he was not working as of the beginning of April, he decided to take a vacation trip to Mexico, and he talked to a friend whom he referred to as [redacted] and whom he further identified as being [redacted] who resides at Alda Motel in Miami. He said at the time his [redacted] the latter now deceased, was visiting at his residence in Miami and agreed to make the trip with FIORINI and [redacted]. He said [redacted] is named [redacted] and [redacted] is from [redacted] where he was [redacted]. FIORINI stated that the motivation for the trip to Mexico was not because of the fact that either [redacted] or [redacted] were about to get married.

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Mr. FIORINI stated that he is acquainted with Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH, whom he knows to be the head of the anti-Castro organization called the MIRR (Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion Revolucionaria). He stated he had not seen Doctor BOSCH for several months. He denied that he ever had any meetings with Doctor BOSCH in the Golden Fountain Restaurant on West Flagler Street, Miami, although he has

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occasionally seen BOSCH in that restaurant. He specifically denied that he had met with Doctor BOSCH and/or a Cuban alien known as [redacted] whose correct name is [redacted] at the garage of [redacted] on [redacted] at [redacted] in Miami, during the first week of April, 1967. He stated that he has known [redacted] since about 1958 because both he and [redacted] have been active in Cuban revolutionary activities since that time. He stated that on occasion he has seen both [redacted] and Doctor BOSCH at [redacted] garage because they all happen to have mechanical work done on their cars by [redacted]

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FIORINI said he believed he did have some work done on his 1958 Cadillac shortly before making the trip to Mexico in April, 1967, but he could not recall what work was done. He said he definitely had no pre-arranged meeting with BOSCH at the garage of [redacted]. FIORINI said he wished to make clear the fact that he has been opposed to the United States position on Cuba for the past eight to ten years. He said he first became involved in Cuban matters in mid-1950's when his [redacted] married a Cuban woman and had to leave Cuba because of the oppression of the Cuban regime of FULGENCIO BATISTA. FIORINI stated that he has always been an anti-Communist and he spoke of his exploits in Mexico and Cuba with FIDEL CASTRO as of 1958 and 1959 prior to and subsequent to the overthrow of the BATISTA government. He stated that he has many friends among the Cubans and many still in Cuba. He stated he would help by revolutionary activities of a military nature if he had the opportunity. He pointed out that he is a friend of former Cuban President, CARLOS PRIO, and he escorted PRIO to a reception for President JOHN F. KENNEDY in Miami Beach shortly after President KENNEDY's election. He stated he himself is involved to some extent in local politics at Miami and on May 1, 1967, he had spoken to Dade County Commissioner [redacted] and mentioned to [redacted] his three and one-half hour detention by authorities at Brownsville, Texas, when he returned from his trip to Mexico on or about April 17, 1967. He stated that he considered it improper that he, as an American citizen, should

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have been detained by the authorities at the port of entry at Brownsville.

FIORINI stated that he considers himself a loyal American and stated that he has served in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps. He said he had been a pilot having learned to fly as a civilian in Virginia. He claimed to have owned a B-25 at one time but said he does not have a current pilot's license.

He stated that he believes that Cuban exiles should be permitted to conduct raids against the CASTRO regime, and that he would assist in such raids but would not admit his participation to authorities because of the fact the United States Government looks toward prosecution of persons involved in such activities.

FIORINI stated that on his trip to Mexico he and his two companions stayed at the Mante Hotel in the city of Mante, Mexico. He said he and [] went to Tampico on one occasion where they did some fishing but [] did not accompany them because he did not like fishing. He said that he has known [] that is [] for about a year and a half; he said [] was a boat captain in the Florida Keys.

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FIORINI was asked if ORLANDO BOSCH had sent him any money while he was in Mexico and he answered a Cuban friend, not BOSCH, had sent him \$100 and that his wife had also sent him \$100, the latter to Alabama, on the return trip to Miami because expenses with the car had depleted their funds.

FIORINI stated that he took no explosives into Mexico and that he had not gone there for the purpose of sabotaging any ship. He denied that the rear doors of his 1958 Cadillac were used to hide explosives during transportation. He said the electric motors which operate the windows of the back doors do not work but as far as he knows, the motors are still in the doors.

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Physical description of FIORINI obtained during interview is as follows:

Age	42
Born	12/9/24 at Norfolk, Virginia
Height	5'9"
Weight	185 pounds
Build	Stocky, has paunch
Hair	Black, wavy
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Characteristics	Smokes cigarettes heavily

RE: FRANK ANGELO FIORINI; ET AL

On May 4, 1967, a confidential source abroad, advised that through the aid of the photographs which [redacted] had turned over to the Miami FBI Office, Mexican authorities were able to locate the site where the explosives had been buried as described by [redacted]. The source stated that Mexican authorities had, in fact, located explosives at the site.

On May 16, 1967, Mr. [redacted] [redacted] Florida, employed as [redacted] with the office of [redacted], stated that it was on or about March 31, 1967, that he discovered his secretary-type wallet missing from his residence. He stated the wallet contained his driver's license, a Gulf Credit Card in his wife's maiden name, a Publix check cashing Ident. card, a University of Florida student card, his draft classification card and other miscellaneous papers and pictures. He stated he was very certain the wallet had been taken from his residence although nothing else was missing from his residence at the time, because, after an absence from his residence on March 31 - April 1, 1967, he and his wife upon their return found the door to their residence ajar.

He said he had not at that time reported the loss of his wallet to the Coral Gables Police Department. He stated that about April 17, 1967, he was contacted by the Coral Gables Police Department and also by the Brownsville, Texas Police Department, concerning the possession of his identification by an individual whose name was not furnished to him but who was detained by authorities at Brownsville, Texas.

Mr. [redacted] stated that he had been advised the Brownsville Police Department would forward his identification papers to him but thus far they have not arrived.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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DATE 06-17-2010 BY 60322 UC LP/PLJ/LCW

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (105-12890) (P)

SUBJECT:

DATE: 5/19/67

FRANK ANGELO FIORINI, aka.,
Frank Anthony Sturgis;

[REDACTED] aka.,

Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA:

[REDACTED] aka.,

REPORTED PLANS TO BLOW UP CUBAN
SHIP IN MEXICAN PORT, POSSIBLY
VERACRUZ
IS - CUEA;
NM - CUEA

ReBuairtel to Miami, 5/9/67, enclosing a Department of Justice letter dated 5/4/67, pertaining to possible violation of U. S. Code by subjects in instant case.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 9 copies of LHM, dated and captioned as above.

Miami is furnishing copies of the LHM locally to Immigration and Naturalization Service and U. S. Customs.

For the information of the Bureau, the Miami Office paid [REDACTED] the sum of \$150.00 on April 21, 1967, when, in the course of interview, it was determined his information corroborated the original report of the alleged plans of Unsubs to blow up a Cuban ship in a Mexican port. That original information was furnished to the Bureau by teletype dated April 12, 1967, under the caption "UNSUES; Reported Plan to Blow up Cuban Ship in Mexican Port, Possibly Veracruz, IS - CUEA".

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During interview in the Miami Office, [redacted] furnished a roll of undeveloped film directly from his 35 millimeter camera which film was developed while interview was being conducted and the film appeared to bear out statements of [redacted] that the location of the buried explosives in Mexico could be found using these photographs.

Record at the motor lodge, made available by Clerk [redacted] reflected that [redacted] had registered as [redacted], possessor of Texaco Credit Card #10-101-2456-6. The registration card, [redacted] reflected he checked in on [redacted] and out on [redacted]. His total bill was \$189.75 of which \$141.90 was attributed to a 42 minute phone call to [redacted] [redacted] had advised that he has

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[] paid \$39.75 of his bill in cash, the remaining \$150.00 being charged to his Texaco Credit Card, which amount of \$150.00 was the maximum amount permitted to be charged on the card.

On May 2, 1967, []

[] confidentially advised that FRANK and [] STURGIS have had a special checking account #4-04-649-8 since May 28, 1962, at which time their address was 2515 NW 122nd Street. The record indicated STURGIS was employed by the Hampton Roads Salvage Company. Checks against the account which were to be mailed out with the next monthly statement on May 15, 1967, were reviewed and no check was located which appeared pertinent to this case. The checking account balance as of May 2, 1967, was \$133.05. STURGIS had no savings account at the bank.

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The confidential source who furnished the information on which investigation was predicated, as cited on Page 1 of the LHM, is PCI [] who stated he would not testify to the information furnished.

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The confidential source abroad referred to on Page 34 of the LHM is Legat, Mexico, which advised Miami that Mexican authorities who had found the explosives in this case heard telephone call from Legat to Miami relative to bombing of the Cuban Embassy, Mexico City, May 3, 1967.

The roll of 8 millimeter colored movie film received by Miami from the Bureau per Bureau airtel dated May 9, 1967, was reviewed at Miami and found to contain pictures of subjects FIORINI, [] and [] evidently taken in Mexico and other scenes in Mexico, none of which appear to be of evidentiary nature. Accordingly, the matter of this film obtained by the Buffalo Office, which had placed a stop on such film submitted by subject FIORINI, aka., Sturgis, is not set out in the LHM in order to assure protection to the company contacted by the Buffalo Office.

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Bureau is requested to furnish LHM to the Department and thereafter advise Miami of any further investigation desired or prosecutive action contemplated.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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May 31, 1967

FRANK ANGELO FIORINI,
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A I R T E L

To: Director, FBI (105-105503) Date: May 31, 1967

From: Legat, Mexico City (105-0040) (P)

Subject: FRANK ANGELO FIORINI, aka, et al.
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NM - CUBA

ENCLOSURES

Enclosed are 14 copies of an LHM, captioned and dated as above.

REFERENCE

Bureau airtel 5-9-67; Mexico City cable 5-25-67.

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MEXICO CITY

At Mexico, DF. Will follow this matter for further developments.

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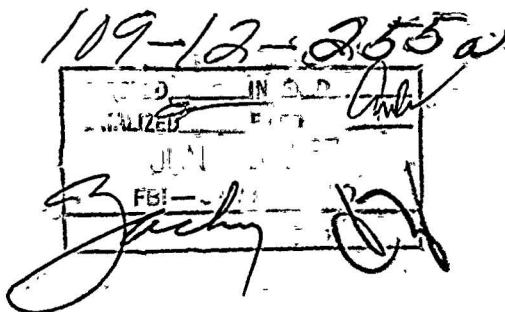
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-165503)
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (109-12)(RUC)
RE: FRANK ANGELO FIORINI, ET AL;
Reported Plans to Blow Up Cuban
Ship in Mexican Port, Possibly
Veracruz
IS-CUBA
NEUTRALITY MATTERS - CUBA

OO: Miami

Re Bureau letter to J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Asst. Atty.
General, dated 5/19/67 with Mexico airtel dated 5/8/67 en-
closed.

Pursuant to Bureau instructions in referenced
letter, San Antonio at Brownsville has on 5/24/67 and again
on 6/9/67 discussed this case with Customs Agent in Charge
[redacted] and with COP [redacted] and no additional
pertinent information has been received in Brownsville. Any
additional information received by San Antonio will be
promptly reported.

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To: SACs, Miami (105-12090) (Enclosure)
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Legat, Mexico City (105-6046) (Enclosure)

From: Director, FBI (105-165503)

FRANK ANGELO FIORINI, et al
REPORTED PLANS TO BLOT UP CUBAN SHIP
IN MEXICAN PORT, POSSIBLY VERACRUZ
IS - CUBA

ReBulet to Assistant Attorney General J. Walter
Yeagley, 6/2/67.

Attached for each recipient is copy of Department's
reply dated 6/20/67.

Mexico determine specific type and quantity of
explosives found by Mexican authorities and determine whether
these items conform in kind and number to those referred to
by [redacted] Mexico advise Bureau, Miami, and
WFO of results of its inquiries.

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WFO, upon receipt of data from Mexico, determine
from Office of Munitions Control whether the explosives
recovered by Mexican authorities appear on the Munitions
Control list.

Miami and Mexico City endeavor to determine whether
there are any records available to establish that Orlando
Bosch sent a \$200 telegraph money order to Fiorini in Mexico.

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Airtel to SAC, Miami
Re: FRANK ANGELO FIORINI, et al
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All offices handle by airtel with letterhead memorandum for dissemination attached. Give this matter expeditious and preferred attention.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-165503)
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (109-12)(RUC)
RE: FRANK ANGELO FIORINI,
ET AL
REPORTED PLANS TO BLOW UP
CUBAN SHIP IN MEXICAN PORT,
POSSIBLY VERZCRUZ
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Re Bureau airtel to Miami, WFO, and Legat, Mexico
dated 6/27/67 with Department's letter dated 6/20/67 as
enclosure.

The San Antonio Division has reported all information
in the form of an LHM and there are no remaining leads for San
Antonio. San Antonio is therefore placing this case in an RUC
status.

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